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What's wrong with this swing suit?

It's got a gay lifeguard tucked in it.

# **Getting Sex**

The controversial new book

## **David Haughton**

On being the Angel of Death

"Proselytizing

is the issue."

in Toronto's school system, the issue is honesty.

Although I did telephone interviews with two students at Glenview Public School, I have used fictillous names in order to prevent recriminations at school

in a brief and unfriendly interview Principal Bill Shaver refused comment on most issues. He said his statements were on record with the Board of Education, GH

Theman in the regulation Speedo bething sult is John Argue. He is a swimming instructor and liteguard. The Toronto Board of Education has hired him for each of the last four summers to take charge of the summer sw ke charge of the summer swimming rogram in various schools in Metro Toronto.

He was on the swim team at Queen's ne was on the swim team at Cueen's University. He has his Red Cross and Royal Lifesaving Instructors, the YMCA Instructors, his Bronze Medaillon and Award of Merit; he has laught swimming at the YMCA in Ottawa and swimming at the TMCA in Oriona and has been in charge of the swimming program at one of the Y's summer camps. He is 33, slight, swimmer-trim, gregarious. He's the kind of person who gregarious. He's the kinu or possessintroduces himself to you. He likes working with young people; they like

working with him. He is not a jock. He is a homosexual. An open homo sexual who refuses to pretend he is any-thing else. On April 27 he was fired from his position as lifequard at Glen y Senior Public School in Toronto. William Shaver, the principal, ma the firing "effective immediately." On May 17, the Personnel Committ Toronto Board of Education, in an almost unprecedented reversal of a cipal's decision, rehired John to the real of a prin staff of the Board's summer swim pro-

What happened at Glanview Public is wat nappened at claimless rubin a story of not becking down, a story of being honest, a story of a lot of 12-14 year-old students meeting their first open gay man and dealing with it, of administration bett-bent on keeping it

The official reason for John's dis missal had nothing to do with his homo sexuality. "The last straw," according to according to principal Shaver, was that Argue had not forced some students to leave the pool area and report to a general assembly rence was also mede to the 'strained' relationship between him and the swim teachers.

Argue broke a rule. At Gienview, all attuents are required to attend general assembly. John told them they should go but that he wouldn't demand they go. They didn't. He allowed them to go swimming during the last five minutes of assembly time. "It hought it was important they do something constructive if they weren't going to be in assembly, he said. "I think it was better that they were swimming than fooling around in the change room. But I wasn't going to force them to go to the assembly." Schools still have rules. Breaking

them will never endear you to the admin istration; breaking very serious ones istration; breaking very serious ones might justifiably get you fired. But allowing about twenty teenagers to remain in the pool area — against the rules — would not strike most people as sufficiently serious to justify dismissal Of course, this was "the last straw. What was the first?

Teaching is the "hot spot" job for gay people. It's the spectre of gay teachers people. It's the spectre of gay teachers in the classroom pushing sodomy with science; teeching A is for analingus that brings defaul in Dade County, Wichita, St Paul, Eugene... The Briggs initiative in California is designed specifically to not the school system of open gay teachers. Even friends worry: "As a nt, my only fear is that my children will try to copy a way of life they don't fully understand, a decision that could affect them for the rest of their lives, a decision none of us should take lightly Amother wrote that in a letter to John Argue when she discovered that a gay man was teaching her daughter. We can June/July 1978



see the ignorance buried in that fear we have also seen its more virulent forms. This woman could end her letter: "Liest wanted you to know that I have

heving you teach my children. But one mother did.

That was the first straw John Argue was never a hidden homo sexual in the Toronto school system even at Glenview Public, which is even at Gienview Public, which is nothing special except that it sits at the north end of Toronto's monied and con-servative Forest Hills, and nestles between Havergat, smart private girls school, and Lawrence Park Collegiate purveyor of young businessmen to Bay

The Toronto Board of Education kne he was gay. Two years ago, he phoned John Michaluk, Co-Director of the Summer Swim Program and told him. "I had been on national TV the night before as part of the "kiss-in" that took place in Toronto," John said, "and I wanted to let the Board know they might have to field some questions about my participation '

ne staff and principal knew he gay. At the beginning of the year, he told the three other staff members in the physied department — and the topic came up from time to time in the staff room. The reactions were predictable They were surprised. And they were un comfortable - though I think any discussion of sexuality would have made them uncomfortable. There was

respect for what they saw as my per-sonal lifestyle — but it was always see as simply a personal thing, a fact of my with no political or social impli cations.

Some of the students knew he was gay. "They start to ask you questions after they realize you're approachable. So they asked if I was married or had a girlfriend.... I told them that I didn't, that I was gay. It didn't seem to spread through the school though — maybe it was like age group; these were 12-14 was the age group; these were 12-14 year-olds and maybe they didn't see it as anything very important. Anyway, it's come up each of the last four years t've spent in the Toronto school board system and the students have always b able to hendle it. Parents ha times been narrous, but we've talked, and it's been fine. They know i'm not sexually interested in their kids, and

even if I were, I simply would never consider having a sexual relationship with a student of mine."

Maybe not everyone believed that. Afew days after last Hallowe'en an called Principal Bill Sha and wanted to know where he got off having a homosexual teach her son homosexuality on school time.

Now Hallowe'en in Toronto is an Event. Thousands of heterosexuals line up along the Yonge Street "strip" hoping to see a few drag quesns — who are smart enough these days to stay off the streets. It is an ugly, egg-pitching, stone-throwing crowd and it does

damage — to gay people mostly, to pro party, and — in the way of all brutal ex-pressions — to itself. The men and women who go there are going out to have a "good time." Some of their brothers and sisters go to Glenview The day after Hallowe'en was bright

and sunny and warm; a lot of the students were having lunch outside and John was with them. "He was a pret decent teacher," according to Peter Hams, 15, one of John's students. "He'd talk to you. He wasn't like a lot of theother teachers - he'd have lunch with the kids and talk. He'd bend the was the kids and talk. He dident the rules a bit that way. And he never got on your back — unless you did something wrong. And then he let you know." That day he let them know something

else. "I overheard some of the guys talking about other guys they knew who had gone down to the St Charles Tavern to have some fun getting the queers.' I couldn't let that pass. I said: 'Just a minute guys — you've got a faggot right here. I'm gay.'"

The discussion lasted about fiftee minutes and "some of the guys" grew to minutes and some of the guys grew about 25 students, some listening questly, some giggling from time to time, some doing a "limp wrist" number some wanting to know "who he liked — Elton John, David Bowle?": some wanting to know who the other oax leachers on astit leven. gay teachers on staff were,

believe that I acted responsibly in rebutting the cant about 'throwing eggs at faggots' on Hallowe'en," John said in a letter to a concerned mother. "I did it by identifying myself as gay while elaborating a little on sexual stereotypes and roles. By doing so, of course, it was my hope that they would

consider seriously the validity of what they were saying by denigrating any human — and particularly gays, since

ignorance about us is so pervasive."

By the afternoon, it was all over the By the afternoon, it was all over the school. Overheard conversation: Boy 1: "I'm not going into the change room with a queer." Boy 2: "What it the difference? You've been in the change room with him all year. Why get upset now?" Boy 2 was at that lunchlime discussion of gay rights and, according to John, also heppened to be a leeder in his peer group. That helped. "Some of the boys were uncomfortable for a while," John arthis. "But it didn't take them long to were uncomfortable for a while," John admits. "But it didn't take them long to accept that it was the same me — that nothing had changed. Except that they had to face the fact that gay people

nad to face the fact that gay people existed in ways other than the stereo-types they'd learned about." The following moming one parent complained to the principal. The next morning John Argue was in Principal Shave's office. Vice-Principal Marvin Lipton, who writes a condescending column for young people in the Monday Star, was also there, taking

Shaver commended John for his honesty in dealing with the question, and then asked him to resign. He mede reference to the conservative nature of the neighbourhood. He hinted that some of the parents had "influential" friands that it would be wise not to antagonize. He stated that it was entirely unacceptable for John to be an open gay person in the school. "I don't he anything against you — don't get me wrong. I don't oppose the way you choose to live. But I won't have you

talking to the kids about it."

John: "I have a responsibility to deal with it."

Shaver: "Your responsibility is the

It went on for over an hour. John was told that personal beliefs have no place in the school system, that if the topic of homosexuality came up it should be dis cussed "objectively," with no reference to one's own sexua odentation

The demand to resign was repeated. John refused. "If you want to get rid of me, fire me." Stalemate. John then sug-gested they think about it over the week end, and discuss it again the following

Monday, there had been no further complaints from parents. At 4 pm there was a meeting between John, Mr Shaver, and Mr B Snell, the Area Superintendent. Snell allowed that John was "naive" in feeling that his discussion "naive" in feeling that his discussion with the students would not generate a lot of unpleasant controversy for the school — but otherwise backed him up. He suggested that Shaver spell out in detail what sort of behaviour he would expect of John in future John agreed to ognsider such a document — and ended the meeting by offering to mee with the staff or students to open a dis cussion on the whole issue. The answer

The resulting "behavlour" memo which came down November 9 over William Shaver's signature has gain certain notoriety. It is included in the documentation section of the brief pre-sented to the Ontario legislature by the Coalition for Gay Rights in Ontario. It moved Dick Beddoes, a columnist for the Glabe and Mall, to write in his column November 22: "A heterosexual would tell the principal by means of a homey colloquialism how he could dis-pose of his ludicrous conditions. The pose of his ludicrous conditions. The homosexual lifeguard may be forced to accept them because he needs the job." There were eight criteria to be

chserved:

 That he wear, while on duty, a recog-nized Red Cross Instructor's bathing suit or ona that is not classified as a racing suit.

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#### **Editorials**

#### Conference '78: making it strong

Annual conferences of the National Gay Rights Coalition have become the occasion when gay Canada talks to - and about - itself

This year, it has a lot to talk about.

And it does so in the context of a developing crisis situation. Bryant and her Canadian cousins — appear to be growing in power. Lessians are fired from the armed forces, are losing their children; this paper is facing serious criminal charges, the Damien case is not yet in court; freedom of expression is being attacked on any number of fronts.

Under those circumstances, discussions of controversial issues might well be expected to be heated and animated. Which is fine. But delegates must be wary of allowing legitimate political differences to degenerate into name-calling and had teeling. We are ripe for disunity - there are many issues which will seriously divid delegates, and they are going to be discussed in an atmosphere charged with the tension of a developing right wing offensive. Qur job will be to discover where unity is possible - and make it strong. To discover where we legitimately differ - and minimize the weaknesses such differences may entail.

Many of the troublesome questions will be ones generated or not handled by delegates to the conference in Saskatoon last year

There is still no practical solution to the problem of how to implement the 50 per cant lesbian control resolution passed by last year's conference

The important questions of police repression and how to deal with police

harassment were entirely avoided in Saskatoon. A comprehensive position on the matter had been adopted at the Toronto conference two years ago, but a number of NGRC groups have seriously undermined solidarity by actively co-operating with the police. The massive police raid on the gay bar Truxx in Montreal underlined the need to readdress the question and come to a better understanding of the issues

There are new problems. Should the National Gay Rights Coalition be de centralized - more of the work, and decision making, spread around the country? Now that we've set up some programs and policy, isn't it time to deal wit strategies and priorities? How that gay rights exist, at least on paper, in Quebec, where do the Duébécois and pan-Canadian movements take them? Do they mean anything? Should the gay movement take a position on self-determination for Quebec

Thoray problems

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#### This Issue

#### Pull-out, hello, good-bye

This is one of The Body Politic's two double issues per year — and includes for the lirst time a pull-out travel section for those with their hearts set on a vacation in Atlantic Canada. Much of it is oriented to individuals who will be travelling to Halltax for the gay rights conference at the end of June — but good eating spots, good cruising spots and good places to see will be the same all year. So if you're flying to Fredericton, matering to Moncton, swimming to St. John's or hitching to Halltax - pull out our centre-spread and take it along.

TBP continues to be committed to a look at how young people and gay adults interect. This month, it's the story of a courageous swim instructor in Toronto who risked being fired rather than be dishonest about his life. Read about John Argue's successful fight to keep his job as an open gay lifeguard in a Toronto public

school - starting on page 1.

'The New Age" is back this month with a nineteen year-old lesbian's memories of coming out at seventeen. Poignant, impressionistic — on page 26

Lindsay Kemp and troupe have been startling Toronto audiences for months with their overwhelming and explicitly homoerotic productions of Salome and Flowers. Qut image this month talks to David Haughton — typecast as an angel. But very often it's the Angel of Death

This issue we say hello to our newest collective member — Robin Hardy, busliy making himself invaluable in the news department. And we say good-bye to Merv Walker. He's been a collective member since issue

7, has done - at one lime or another - every task associated with the paper, and is largely responsible for every smart design idea that turns up in every issue.

Vancouver is claiming him. We lose a good friend and a tireless worker — no small loss. He has promised to meintain contact with TBP by spending time writing the articles that the daily grind of work on the paper never allowed before. It's a promise we'll hold him to.

#### Kernel of truth

As mambers of GATE Toronto we found Ken Popert's analysis "Refreat from politics?" (TBP, April) a destructive and incorrect response to the present difficulties of the gay moveme Toronto. The problem is not, as he suggests, the growth of new groups like the Gay Offensive Collective, the Lesbian and Gay Trade Union Group or Gay Youth Toronto. In fact, these groups represent important gains for

Neither is the problem one of "defectors" from GATE, as Popert suggests. The problems of GATE are rooted in its inability, so far, to meet the needs of radicalizing gays and to develop a militant perspective on how to

combat the attacks upon us The problem for us is not that there are many groups in the city. Rather the problem is the lack of united ection against the attacks we all face. The anti-Eryant actions here in January and across Canada in April provided inspiring examples of the road forv ese actions we united in coalitions which took up demands that expres all of our needs, began to develop links

and of our needs, began to develop link with the ferminist community and pro-tested in militant action in the streets. Since January in Toronto there has been a falling back from united action and here we hit the kernel of truth in and here we hit the kerrier or fruin in Popert's analysts. The response to increasing assaults on us must not be to retreat from politice but to come out all the stronger to reforge the unity of

January and build beyond it. Part of this must be discussing the role of sexism and ageism in hampering the unity of our movements, beginning to overcome this situation and claritying our support for the feminist movem

for the reminis Hugh English Gary Kinaman Paul Trollope

Ken Popert replies
I am pleased that the writers share my
concern over the state of the gay movement in Toronto.

They criticize my article as destruct ive and incorrect. Hothing in their letter supports the charge of destructiveness and I think it can be fairly set aside as a rhetorical flourish.

I would agree that my article was in-currect if indeed the observations attributed to me by the writers in their first paragraph were in fact mine. I did not point to the proliferation of small groups or to defections from GATE as the problem — Lisclated these phenomena as symptoms of the problem, which I characterized — using the expression "retreat from politics as a trend eway from the sustained work of organization

In their second and third paragraphs, the writers simply reiterate that obser-vation, I cannot see much to choose be tween "falling back from united action and a "retreat from politics" as I defined it. Happily, the writers generously con-cede that this was the "kernel of truth" in what I wrote and in fact thish by taking up my expression as their own.

#### Redefining activism

There has been a great deal of discussion lately concerning a crisis confronting the gay movement. So far the discussion has focussed on the movement in Ontario with particular attention being given the "fragmentation" of Toronto groups.

Talk of crisis seems to me to indicate a lack of understanding on the part of some people as to what is taking place

within the gay community.

It's funny how yesterday's redicals become, imperceptibly, the conserve tives of today. Those of us who are the "ploneers" of pay activism, who have played a leading role in establishing the present structures and strategies of the movement must now face a new phenomenon: the second generation pay activist. Inspired by the successes of the past and benefitting from the heightened consciousness created by ten years of activism, this new generation has different priorities and different has otherent priorities and otherent ideas about how to advance our struggle. It suddenly occured to me that almoet all the people putting forward the concept of crisis are the people who have been most active in the movement for a long time. This leeds me to wonder whether the fear of a "crisis" is not merely the fear of change — change in the structures and strategies that we have held near and dear for so long.

Like most of my activist friends —
the tired old faces of the movement — i ment was in the midst of profound crisis that threatened to result in the collapse of gay activism. A lot of soul-searching in recent weeks has changed all of this int weeks has changed all of this I'm not at all convinced anymore that ware confronted with a crisis — except possibly a crisis of growth. It is be coming clear that the present uncer-tainties indicate a period of transition in

the evolution of our moveme Afew years from now we will proba-y look back on this period, in a positive way, as an essential turning point.
Once this perspective is adopted it is
easy to put to rest, once and for all, the arious theories of gloom and doo instead, we can begin to prepare to adjust to the new and progressive dynamics that are likely to fundamentlly alter our struggle.

Tom Warner

Ken Popert replies: TBP demands a brief reply: Tom Warner es no problem and those who do. according to him are tired old faces lack understanding. Although kindly

#### Parliamentary mail

TBP recently sent complimentary copies of its April issue to membe of the Parilamentary Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Alfairs. The issue contained news coverage and an enalysis of the new pomography legislation proposed by that committee. The following reply was received from the office of James McGrath (PC — St John's Fort Nitrit

Mr McGrath has asked me to return this magazine which ha finds objectionable and repulsive. Secretary (unsigned)

meant, this is not discussion, it is con-descension. To his final point, I can only reply that political analysis is a guide to action, not a way to peace of mind.

#### Religion in TBP

Even though I am not religious myself, I'm disappointed that MCC or Dignity is not allowed any space in TBP. The collective can't really be liberated un-less it accepts philosophical beliefs which may be different from its own -as long as all contributors are for gay lib of course

We need people to develop cogent arguments against Biblical strictures which after all can be used to 'prove' anything.

Does being religious mean you cannot be a 'good' gay lib person? I submit the answer is 'no,' So, how about it,

Shane Que Hee Hemilton

#### Gay daddies get together

As a gay daddy, I read your feeture "For cotten Fathers" in the April Issue with considerable interest. Gay daddles do, indeed, tend to be invisible in our soclety. This may well be because straights find men who have rejected the straight life even more difficult to deal with than those who have ostensibly never tried it

I was particularly struck by Brien I was particularly struck by onen Millor's comment that gay daddles tend to experience a gap in their lives as fathers and their lives as gay men. I am a member of a group in New York which is quietly trying to fill in that gap. The Fathers Group wes formed two

years ago as an informal group of divor-ced and separated gay men who have children. The group presently has 30 members. We meet on a bi-weekly basis to discuss common and unique problems. Sometimes we probably sound like any other group of formerly married men, worrying about alimony, child support and visitation. At other times the focus is on our gayness and how it relates to Caddyhood.

The children, too, are served by the group. There are monthly outings with children, daddles and their lovers to parks, ice skating rinks and other urban environments

The Fathers Group acts as a set of stepping stones towards the integration of one's life as a daddy and one's life as a gay man. And we are planning to do something about our invisibility. This June we will be marching in the Chris-topher Street Liberation Day Parade, banners proudly identifying our daddyhood.

Henry Walter Welss New York City

#### Pomography

Recently we have received a number of interesting and thoughtful letters from readers on the relationship of pornography, cansorship and faminpornugueurry, cerrsorsnip and remin-ism. Because of the importence of this debate, we have decided to print a larger selection of these letters in our next issue (August). Further res-ponses are welcome. No to dolorousness

"Looking for Mr Candybar" (TBP, May) was a fine parody, the sort of wit we need these days to counter all thos dolorous — but necessary — columns about Anita Bryant and the latest

acourt Annia bryaint and the fatest repealed gay rights measure. Keep John Forbes writing. He's good. Haughed. My gay friends laughed. My straight friends laughed, then asked what it meant.

#### Yes to history

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Hubert Kennedy for the researching and writing of his articles on Karf Heinrich Ulrichs (TBP, March and April, 1978). No doubt there was much work involved and I am glad that Mr Kennedy has taken the time to Investigate an important part of gay people's past. Such articles are import-ant to help educate the gay community. The Body Politic deserves much

credit for helping the growth of gay con-sciousness. I look forward to future articles from this fine author. Gary Rocchio San Francisco, CA

Should bars be trashed?

I found Michael Riordon's column "Private Money" (TBP, May) more than a bit much. What I gather he was saying is that this would be such a better world for gays if we would use our energies and money to purposes other than the diversions we often choose. I couldn't agree more. But for the most part t found the article offensive. It angers me

Michael, you trash so much of what is michael, you trash so much of what is gay life for me. You trash the ghelto. You hate it. I happen to live in it, if one exists here, I need it and I want it. I need to see other visibly gay people when I to see other visiting gay people when it step out my door and walk down the street. I need the gay bar. You tell us our beer money goes to keep us opppressed. What would you have us do?

Stop going, I suppose. But I want to be in the company of other gay men. I want to see tham en masse. True, the want to see them en masse. I'ue, the Lord Eigh is a dreary and oppressive ber at the best of ilmes, but don't imply I have low gay consclousness because i go there. Yes, I like Donna Summers. Yes, I'm Into the discn. And oh, how i'd love to go to Fire Island, Diversional You wont that I'm a relieve to the page.

You imply that I'm a traitor to the gay cause because I drink Florida OJ. And what if I shop at Faton's am i to be shot? Truly, I haven't bought a thing there in years (there's no downlown store here). But then you'll often see me browsing through the Salvation Army, and God knows how anti-gay they are! Come on, Michael, is your radical gay

consciousness realty any more con-structive. I've found it derogatory and oppressive.

ter Gray Ottawa

Michael Riordon replies:

Apparently neither of us is particularly happy with the private and public money chains we're locked into — can anyone be, besides the owners of the chains? 
Question is: what do we do — languish in them, pretend to lignore them, make the best of them or light them?

News desk pickup I think that David Pinto's criticism (Letters, TBP, May) to the effect that newspapers do not pick up headlines from each other or from Canadian Press

To begin with, in many cities one newspaper produces a "buildoo" edition which comes out befor others. Most media outlets in that city whether or not they admit it, consult the "buildog" edition of the leading paper in order to examine the treatment of a particular story. Where a story is parlicularly "hot" or sensitive, one fre-quently sees a fairly consistent pattern of media treatment emerging from the corporate press.

Often newspaper desk people, oper-ating from the same basic assumptions about what is normal and what their

bosses want to see in the paper, do "pick up" headlines from each other. This may be done consciously (by direct examination of competing newspaper) or unconsciously (through the process of incultation of the norms and biases of the corporate press).

When I worked full-time for a daily

newspaper, the CP wire stories were indeed transmitted with slugs, breakers and other catch words which could easily be "picked up" as heads by newspaper deskers

The point is that, on some issues, we see the corporate press operating from a more-or-less common set of values. a more-or-less common set of values.

And, particularly when criticized from
the outside (by the gay movement, for
example), they tend to close ranks and
defend each others' misdeeds. Paul Trollope Toronto

Reality's defeat Reality defeats Paul Trollope's analysis in "Closetry's Reward or, how trying to conceal her lesblanism may have lost one mother the custody of her children (TBP, April). That mother now has legal custody of the two older children and may well soon have of the youngest, as well as support payments for them from father

"Coming out" would have undoubt-edly cost her all of this plus her job, and edy cost her all of this plus her job, and been a resounding defeat for the cause of lesblan mother/hood. Of course we like to feel that if all gay people came out today, prejudice would end and liberation reign. For the individual, however, the decision to acknowledge one's homosexuality must be made with a full clinical and a company of the country of the country of the substitution was not the particular circums. a judicious eye to the particular circum-stances; it is an option to be taken when in a position of personal security, rather

Mr Trollope's analysis would be better drawn with a knowledge of the event. He was not aware of the outcome of the case? He need only have asked. Chris Voasi

Paul Trollope repties:

I think Chris rather misses the point. If the two of us are indeed talking about the same case, mother may well have custody now, but all this proves is that child custody decisions are never final — something the gay movement has been pointing out for years, and something that is often used to take away children from lesblan and gay perents.

There is little doubt that "coming out" would have lost this woman her out" would have lost this woman her children. The analysis ald not pretend otherwise. Rather it suggested that the eventuel result of open lesbians and gays lighting custody battles in court would be to force the courts to change their anti-gay and hypocritical stances. What is important is that the case I

was reporting is a published legal precedent. The woman's attempt to concea certain information from the court provided a smokescreen behind which the court could plously sermonize about parents who do not tell the court the whole story. The court is thus able to avoid specifically citing lesbianism as a reason for denying a mother custody of her children, □



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#### Gay youth plan assault on school system

Conference fails to resolve age of consent question





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Representatives of gay youth from Canada and Quebec meeting in Toronto over the Victoria Day weekend have

formed a National Gay Youth Coalition.
The new group, with headquarters in both Montreal and Toronto, is intended to give gay youth a united voice in both the Canadian political system and the

gay movement. The conference, described as "immensely successful" by the organizers, articulated fifteen demands ranging from support for gay youth group homes to a call for more access to high schools, but falled to resolve the controversial question of age of consent laws.

Over 75 delegates, some from as far away as Vancouver, Yale and Montreal, away as valicoover, faire and montreal attended three days of workshops and plenaries in what was called "the first Bi-national Gay Youth Conference." The most contentious issue facing

the delegates was the question of age of consent laws — the age at which sexual acts between consenting individuals become legal. The age of consent for homosexual acts is twentyone; under most circumstances it is eighteen for heterosexuals.

We didn't come to a conclusion on the matter at this conference," said Mark Whitehead of Gay Youth Toronto, but the general consensus is that change of some kind is absolutely necessary

Delegates were divided over whether nedemand should be for abolition of age of consent laws, or for an equal-ization which would bring the age for gay youth in line with that for straight youth. The conference resolved the issue by deciding to give the subject priority discussion over the coming year, and by calling for the preparation of a policy paper to be debated during the second annual conference in 1979

Many delegates were upset and disappointed that the group did not disappointed that the group did not endorse a policy already part of the program of the National Gay Rights Coalition. "The laws do not protect the young," said one disgrunted delegate, "they oppress us. There's a necessity to protect people from assault and coercion, and that's what concerns

those who want a uniform age of consent law. But it's the young people who find themselves placed in training homes when they're convicted for under-age sex offences."

There was little dissension around other demands which came out of the conference. They included support for se in Toronto, more liaison with social service agencies dealing with gay youth, economic independence for youth, support for the victims of the Trux raid in Montreal, and support for self-determination for Quebec, items of particular interest to women included demands for more emphasis on women's culture and history in the school system, and for custody rights for lesbian mothers.

The group also endorsed the evolutionary Prostitutes' League's call for the decriminalization of prostitution

Ralph Lesser, who co-ordinated the conference with David Migicovsky of Jeunesses Gai(e)s de Montréal, commented that "the workshops were serious but not dogmatic. The most important demands were those concerning the school system, and the concerning the school system, and the multi-angled approach to getting access to the education system." The group has agreed to raise funds to compile a book for students about homosexuality, and hopes to go into high schools to bring the whole discussion out of the

There are plans to leaflet high schools, and to apply pressure to Boards of Education and Parent-Teacher Associations, as well as the school administration and student

Astructural meeting will be held in four weeks to form a steering committee, and decide on how to implement resolutions. A subconference is planned for October Representatives of the various youth groups will meet to further discuss implementation of the demands, and to co-ordinate communication between the Montreal and Toronto national cas of the National Coalition of Gay

by Robin Hardy□

#### Heading for the centre of their lives

Impressions of a slightly older youth

The workshop was called "Coming Out." Thirty-five young men and women, seventeen to twenty-seven attended.

They began with parents.

There was the lesbian from a radical left family whose mother told her, "That's great! When are you going to bring home one of your older woman

There was the young gay man, from a family with a long and firm tradition of male dominance, who saw his father cry for the first time when he was told. Tr

father, two years later, is continuing to learn and learning to believe. There was the 17-year-old who doesn't dare come out to his famili ocean't dare come out to his family because his lover is thirty-eight. Quebé-cois and Chinese delegates spoke of the cultural barriers they must face in coming out — barriers propped up by the strong family structure they find

themselves in. Someone compares the problems of gay people to those of blacks — but realizes that the analogy is not a strong one. A black child who becomes a victim of discrimination can at least turn to his/her family for support. This workshop has become the family for these shops have the family for these shops have the family for these shops have the family for the same than the family for the same than shop has become the family for these people, providing in one hour the support and access to shared experience that most have missed for all of their young lives.

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Another workshop — Youth and
Liberation. Tim Guest is chairing, and
he wants to be different. "Why should
we bother trying to fit into the Pepsi
generation? Why accept the sexist playroles of the coca-cola and doublemin

Another voice - on oppr inside the gay community, on the role , so many young gay men find themselves pushed into — "young, dumb and full of cum." He spoke of the older men who refuse to take the young seriously — either as lovers or as political allies. They make the connection — "Beautiful women have played up to this. A lot of young gays get a real power trip from being on the pedestal. You can end up bitter and hard. And suspicious. No one likes you for what you

It was clear they still had to come to terms with gay people older than the selves. And that older people would have to change their attitudes. "Gay youth are often out of the home sooner than straights because of the difficulties of being gay in a heterosexual family. So older gay men can fill a much needed role sometimes as surrogate parents. We have to get away from the image of 'chicken' and 'chicken hawk' — we have to end the exploitative nature of those relationships."

These young people are dangerous.

They're learning that the nuclear family expressway leads straight to the side lines of life. They're taking the exit ramp - and heading for the centres of their own lives.

What are they going to find? As one delegate put it, "it's good to be who you are. It's good to be 'abnormal.' We know what we have to do — it's a question of confidence now, and we're finding that in these gay youth groups."

They know their politics and their pre

dicament. And they know where to begin - the chief resolution at the final plenary urged that an assault begin on the educational system

rowing up will never be the s by Robin Hardy

"The people who produced the 'moderate' and 'reasonable' brief ... will be marching on Queen's Park if the legislators ignore it." A look at reaction to the CGRO brief.

**CGRO** brief prompts media support for Code change

Liberal Party leader joins growing list of supporters

A brief presented to the Ontario legislature recently has resulted in favour-able coverage in two Toronto dailies, and prompted the leader of the provincial Liberals to endorse the inclusion of sexual orientation in the Ontario Human

Rights Code.
The brief, Discrimination and the Gay
Minority, was distributed May 3 to all
members of the Ontario legislature. The document had been prepared by the Coalition for Gay Rights in Ontario

The Toronto Star, in an editorial May 20, stated that "As long as homosexual citizens have no protection against discrizens have no protection against ob-crimination in employment and housing, Ontario's human rights code remains inadequate," Norman Webster of the Globe and Mail devoted his column May 18 to the brief and Liberal leader Stuart Smith's endorsation, and called on the Tories and Labour Minister Bette Stephenson to put forward the

#### Damien destitute. Committee launches plea for help

John Demien is personally broke, and has been for a long time, says the Committee to Defend John Damien. The Committee is accepting contributions for John's personal subsistence in addition to conducting fundraising for the legal defense fund through its Project Piedgecard.

Michael Lynch, chairperson of the ommittee, pointed out that all his life Damien's training was in one employment area only, racing. Two non-racing jobs since his firing have been unsuc-cessful and consumed time ha needed to spend on his case. The racing sales job which he got two months ago is based completely on commissions, and John has yet to make a sale although he orks hard contacting potential cus

tomers on the tracks. "After the firing It did not take long to exhaust his savings." Lynch said, "and John began to self off his posessions. He's at rock bottom now. The other day he sold the last sellable item, his vacuum cleaner. For over a year he's had to rely on small gifts and loans from his family in order to eat and pay the rent." Just this month he had no funds to pay his Ontario Health Insurance Premiums until the committee located some willing contributors. "I don't think could endure this kind of existence room endure this kind of existence myself," Lynch sald, "even for gay liberation. And I think that most gays who are used to regular earnings of any sort would also have a tough time. The Committee dacided we had an obligation to help John personally as well as politically. He said he wanted no handouts, but we told him this wasn't a matter of a handout. He's spending several years of his life for a case whan he wins, will benefit all of us. He works hard at it, spending hours study ing transcripts of the discoveries, writing to supporters, collecting and verifying evidence for the trial. He's given up all kinds of personal privacy. In e real sense, he's working for all gay Canadians, and we're negligent if we

don't help him out."

The Committee reported recently that its Project Pledgecard has met an excel-lent response; fifty-five people have pledged \$10 a month for the next year to keep the legal side of the case going. Many smaller pledges have helped bring the project near the three-quarters mark towards it's goal.

Contributions going directly to the Committee and marked "for personal subsistence" will, Lynch promised, be channeled directly to the man responsible for this major gay-rights battle.



government's position on the issue. Although gay movement leaders tound some of Smith's comments patronizing and misteading — he spoke patronizing and misteading — he spoke of how, as a psychiatrist, he had treated "many of these troubled persons" — he did support the amendment to the code, and added, "I am no more afraid of having my son, for instance, learn in a school where there is a teacher wh mey in his private life have a homosaxual orientation than I am afraid of having my daughter study in a school where there is a teacher who has a haterceavual orientation."

heterosexual orientation The statements were made May 4 during a debate in the legislature on the report of the Ontario Human Alghts imission, Life Together. That report's most controversial

report's most controversial recommendation was that sexual orientation be added to the Code.

During the debate, all New Democratic Party members who spoke on the issue spoke in favour of the amendment. The NDP is the only party with a "gay rights plank." Support for legislative protection for gays is party

policy both in Ontario and at the federal

The only speaker from the government, John Williams (PC -Oriole), spoke against the recommendation on the grounds that it was not the government's job to be "legislating social behaviour and standards.

ernment has come unde much criticism for refusing to deal with the recommendations of Life Together, the recommendations of Life Together for reducing the budget of the OHRC, and for appointing a long-time civil ser vant Dorothee Crittenden to head the

The CGAO brief was presented to the The CGRO brief was presented to the press May 17 during a press conference at the Legislature. The presentation was made by Torn Warner, CGRO co-ordinator, Michael Lynch, chairperson of the Committee to Defend John Damien, and Brent Hawksa of the

Metropolitan Community Church.
Claire Hoy of the Toronto Sun was present and his column May 18, headed "Homosexuals far from harmless," lamented the support given the sexual orientation amendment by the HDP and

According to CGRO co-ordinator Tom According to CGRO co-ordinator Tom Warner, support continues to grow for the amendment, although some Con-servalive and Liberal MPPs are still reluctant to make public their private support. "It and when the saxual orientation amendment comes to a vote in the Legislature." he said, "CGRO will be pushing for a free vote on the issue. thereby allowing Individual Tory members to vote in favour of the legislation '

indications are that the government may introduce a bill this fall covering at least some of the recommendations of

Life Together.
interested individuals may obtain a copy of the CGRO brief, Olscrimination and the Gey Minority, by sending \$1.50 to: CGRO, PO Box 156, Stn P, Toronto,

by EIII Lewis 🗆

#### Just give them a classy looking brief, and they'll eat out of vour hand

Commentary by Chris Bearchell

At a gress conference May 17, the Coalition for Gay Rights in Ontario (CGRO) announced to the media the presentation of a brief to ontario MPPs. presentation of a one to comain MPFs. The document makes the case for including sexual orientation as grounds on which discrimination is prohibited. Called *Giscrimination* and the Gay *Minority*, It was carefully written by a subcommittee of CGRO, and was attrectively designed and produced by Plan. tively designed and produced by Pink Triangle Press as part of its contribution to the project. The straight press, or most of it anyway, was suitably

pressed. The Globe end Mail's Queen's Park correspondent Norman Webster noted that CGRO showed "it is possible to put the homosexual case rationally and moderately to the province's legismoderately to the province's legis-lators." In the same column, almost in the same breath, he smears the organi-zed gay movement as "militants who chant offensive slogans at Antia Bryant, or demand that their preferences be taught in the schools as a neat alternative to heterosexuality, or are droll in print about the seduction of young bays.

The Toronto Star, notorious for its long-standing anti-gay policy, actually editorialized in favour of the pro-gay amendment to the Human Rights Code.
Yes, that's the same Toronto Star that's been found guilty of anti-gay discrim-ination more than once by the Ontario Press Council

There's a common thread running through the pronouncements of both papers — that a "decent" branch of the homosexual rights movement is respon-sible for this "reasonable" and "moderate" brief. There's a new tactic at work creating two categories of 
"deviants", the decent and the militant. and pitting them against sach other. Any edvances are credited to the "decent" set, setbecks of any kind can be laid at the door of the crazed militants. It reminds me of "good" versus "uppity" — as in niggers.
CGRO's recent brief, while more complete than earlier efforts, says

nothing new and doesn't say it in a qual-itatively different way. And CGRO is the same coalition that organized some of Ontario's most spirited, and yes, most militant demonstrations and railies.

The one member of the press who The one member of the press who seems to realize this is the rabidly artigay Sun columnist, Claire Hoy. Of course, he also thinks CGRO is a subversive plot which is simply becoming more adept at disguise. Nothing could be further from the fruth, of course.

The Capitition is perfectly one about it. The Coalition is perfectly open about its methods and goals, and has frequently presented itself to the public through the conventional channels — press conferences, briefs and so on. However, many of us know all too well that such established tactics have a mysterious established tactics have a mysterious way of going nowhers, and leading to precious tew results for leeblans and gay men. So we've frequently turned to other (and equally legitlmete) means to bring our struggle to public and media attention. We picket, we rally, we demonstrate. demonstrate.

There are not two wings of the gay - one decent and die the other militant and unruly. The people who produced the "moderate and "reasonable" brief are the same people who will be marching on Queen's Park if the legislators try to ignore it. Despite our diversity, the organized expression of the gay of munity in Ontario is still all in one - the Coalition for Gay Rights Ir Ontario,

#### Guilty of brutal attack, 'queerbashers' get jail term

A Toronto judge sentenced three youths to eight months in jall and one year probation May 2 for the savage beating of three men in Toronto's Riverdale Park last Sentember sentencing the three - all in their

late teens — Judge O'Connell said the case was the most difficult he had ever dealt with, and termed the attacks pealt with, and termed the attacks "brutal and animalistic." Holding up hospital photographs of the victims, O'Connell said, "I cannot even identify from these photographs any of the thre victims who testified before this court, their injuries are so horrible. The attacks took place without reason or cause in a public park in the evening, and the victims had every right to be there. This crime was an attack on an alleged specific group of persons whom you and your friends believe to be homo-sexuals. Every member of society must respect the privacy and dignity of

others."
These attacks occurred September
10, 1977. One of the juvenilss suggested
they go to the park and "punch out
some queers" after the group had
consumed two cases of beer. All three
were residents of Clifton House, a
group home for delinquent boys.
The three man three starked that

The three men they attacked that evening were brutally beaten, and left naked and covered in blood. All were in hospital for weeks, and required treatment for broken ribs and facial bone lacerations and internal injuries. All suffered permanent physical and psychological damage. One of the victims testified, "I feel older than I am, I'm much more cautious than I used to be, cautious of strangers and dark -physical things."

Police arrested the three assallants the following day. Their blood soaked clothing was still in the house.

During the trial, evidence was presented to suggest that in fact, Riverdate Park was a place where a person might be in danger from assault by a homosexual. Police Constable Devid Robinson testified that the park had a reputation for homosexual activity, and when he was a plainclothes officer, he was assaulted there on on occasion.
"Assault" on such occasions usually

ans that a plainclothes officer has anticed a gay man into touching him. The officer is then able to arrest the

The officer is then able to arrest the man and charge him with "indecent assault." That tactic, known es entrapment, is legal in Canada.
Observers at the trial felt the constable's testimony was an attempt to discredit the victims, and bring into question their reasons for being in the park that fully fuller. park that night. Judge O'Connell's statements during sentencing, however, appear to indicate that he had chosen to ignore that line of reasoning.

In a statement to TBP, the director of

Clifton House said that homophobic prejudice is something the home leaders constantly have to deal with. He said the attack had been led by a said the attack had been ted by who often frequented Riverdale Park on his own. On occasion, he had been approached by gay men, and two been approached by gay men, and two days before the beetings occurred, he had been accused of being gay himself. At the end of the trial, the judge

estimeted that each of the victims could recover up to \$75,000 from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.

by Robin Hardy ...

#### Prairie conference urges regional organizing

Over 100 men and woman, including delegates from 12 prairie gay organizations, participated in the Prairie Gay Conference held in Saskatoon May

According to the Education and Political Action Committee of Saskatoon, the weekend was an excellent working conference characterized by spirited serious discussions which resulted in

near unanimity on all resolutions.
The major emphasis of the confence was on regional organizing. Gay Friends of Brandon presented a worl shop on organizing gays in a sma centre and detegates voted that a direc-tory of gay resources on the Prairies be compiled and distributed by the Saskat

hewan Gay Coalition.

Discussions of gay culture at the conference resulted in plans for a major gay cultural celebration to be held on the Prairies sometime this fall. As well, a collective is being formed in Saskatcor to produce a journal devoted to gay cultural works. Gay persons from accross the country have been invited to submit prose, poetry, graphics, and photos to the Journal Collective at 80x

7508, Saskatoon. Approximately half the participants in the conference were women and there was extensive discussion of the role of ans in groups such as the National Gay Rights Coalition (NGRC) In the final plenary session, delegates passed a number of resolutions directed at the NGRC conference to be held in Halifax June 8. Specifically, the Prairie conference endorsed NGRC's policy of providing lesbians with 50% of the decision making power, but opposed NGRC's proposal for imple mentation of the voting procedure. The Prairie resolution celled for a tally to be made of all male and female delegates present at any NGRC meeting, and that the voting power of lesbian delegates be prorated to equal that of the male

The conference also called on NGBC to raise funds for travel assistance to lesbian delegates and that NGRC require member groups to hold at leas one benefit a year to finance such a

A detailed resolution forwarded b After Stonewall of Winnipeg called for the restructuring of NGRC. It recommended that a coordinating body of mposed of 16 persons, with a least 8 lesblans, be elected by delegates at the ennuel NGRC meetings. The co-ordinating committee would then free

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Gays of Ottawa, the presenting Codrd Gays of Ottawa, the presenting Coord-inating office, to concentrate on liason and monitoring of the Federal Parita-ment. The resolution also proposes that the location of the coordinating office

be rotated around major NGRC groups in addition to the many workshops, the Saskatoon conference provided a iety of social events throughout the ekend. Three dances, the film Some American Faminists, and a performance by lesbian comedian Loma Boschman of Winnipeg were all attended by two to three hundred people."

three hundred people.

In the words of Doug Wilson, one of
the conference organizers, "The
strength, energy and commitment to
united effort by Prairie groups, as well as the working harmony exhibited by lesblans and gay men at this conference was truly exciting, these factors plus hot, sunny days, Saskatcon in spring, a full moon and fine people made the con-

The final decision of the de was a commitment to hold a Prairie Gay Conference annually, with the next con ference to be hosted by Calgary in May

'Bawdy house' or not? Truxx trials begin

The owner of Truxx went on trial during the week of May 8 at the Montreal Municipal Court This is the first step in what most

observers agree will be a long and complicated legal story.
Last October 22 city police, armed with machine guns, raided Truxx, a

popular downtown gay men's bar. One hundred and thirty-five men were subsequently charged under various sections of the Criminal Code. The most common charge was being a found in in a "common bawdy house." It was the largest mass arrest since the War asures Act was invoked in 1970

This opening trial had the re bility of establishing whether or not Truxx was in fact a "common bawdy

According to section 179 (1) (b) of the Criminal Code, a "common bawdy house" is defined as a public place resorted to "for the purposes of prostitution or the practice of acts of in-

Since the har's owner Mr Salvanio decided to plead not guilty to the charges of keeping a "bawdy house, urden of proof rested with the city of Montreal. The Court had already heard the corroborating testimony of the five morality squad officers involved in the raid, and their precise and circum stantial statements see ned to justify

in fact, during ten days preceding the aid, plainclothes officers observed raid plaincint activities inside the bar. The numerous allegations of "gross indecency" and "indecent acts" — which were des-cribed at great length and in minute - constitute the basis of the roof of the charge

The proprietor's defence has been organized in conjunction with the Defence Committee of the Truxx Accused, in order to assure the app s regular customars of Truxy

The Court has already heard 12 of these witnesses, and all testified that they had not seen any "indecent acts" in the bar. The defence has obviously decided to provide a solid counter balance to the testimony of the morality

This trial is of central importance for the Truxx found-ins. The forthcoming judgement will dacide whather the charges against them will be pursued or

Viewing this as an important test case — and a potential victory for the morality squad — the city has assigend to it some of its best lawyers. Salvagio has retained the services of a highly eputable Montraal criminal lawyer, Mr.

The court has adjourned the case until next October 25-27 when the defence will present further testimony Since it appears certain that regardless of the outcome the decision will be appealed, the entire Truxx trials could

drag on for several years.
In the meantime the defence fund for the Truxx accused is in urgent need of funds. Contributions should be sent to: funds. Contributions should be sent to: "ADGO - Fond de défense des accusés", c/o Androgyny Bookstore, 1217 Crescent, Montreal, Ouebec, N3G

In a related development, a public demonstration has been called for June 17 against ongoing repression directed at Montreal's gay and lesbian communities. One of the demands will be "the repeal of all the charges against the 135 Truxx accused.

by Stuart Russell [

#### Court upholds conviction of two for postering

While reducing their sentences to a fine of \$100 each, Ontario appeals court judge R. Conane rejected May 10 the appeal of Cave Foreman and Bob Schisler against their conviction under the Criminal Code for postering.

The conviction has opened the way for police to harass posterers with a for police to harass posterers with a criminal charge carnying a maximum penalty of six months' imprisonment. Previously, posterers risked a fine under a municipal bylew against the unlawful distribution of handbills. Dave and Bob will appeal their convic-tion to the Ontario Supreme Court. The two members of the Gay Alliance Toward Examples.

Toward Equelity were arrested on a charge of unlawfully distributing hand-bills last July 18 after pasting posters about a GATE dance and an antiBryant march on a mail box

The charge was later changed to one ul damage.

At their trial on Nov 4, attorney Ken Danson presented evidence that no actual damage had been done to the mail box, since the posters could be removed with soap and water withou ing a trace.

But they were convicted by county court judge R Dnieper, who sentenced them to seven days in jail and a fine of

eals court judge Conane also d the evidence, ruling that no mage in the dictionery meaning of the word need be done to support a con-viction on a charge of willul damage. But he reduced the sentence after the

aut he reduced the sentence after the prosecuting aftorney suggested that Dniaper had been harsh because he was prejudiced against homosaxuals. Although it threatens to give the police a new means of harassing

posterers for social protest mo the gay movement has shown little in terest in the cese.
Despite a telephone blitz conducted

by GATE in the days before the appeal hearing, only eight people showed up May 19 to show their support.

The costs of the trial and the appeals eing borna by legal aid and by

from Gay Rising □

#### Lesbian conference high on culture. low on politics

On the Quean's birthday weekend, May 19-22, 1978, about 100 lesbians converged on Carleton University, Ottawa for an Ontario Lesbian Conference. Reflecting its provincial orientation, there was not the cross-section of Ouébécoise and West coast lesbians represented as there was at the 1976
National Lesbian Conference in Ottev

The approach of the conference was largely "personal growth" — deeling with how to conduct relationships, with now to conduct relationships, problems of coming out, etc. The conference was well organized in terms of timetables and space arrangements but many women felt this autocratic style of organization becklired when it me to trying to deal constructively with personal growth problems. There seemed no mechanism to get into cor structive help around feelings. A suggastion to break off into small groups was refused by a leader who said there were not enough leaders and that some women were too shy to talk without a leader: many disegre

Participants in the "Our Political Future" workshop felt that there was no mechanism to organize all the topics which came up — no problem-solving approach. (Other empty rooms were offered, however, to those who did not oriered, nowever, to those who did not agree with the system.) One woman said afterwards, "Here I was crawling into this conference on my hands and knees this conference on my name and known from burn out, nells rew to the quick from hanging onto my sexual orienta-tion in this heterosexist society, Anita's return trips to Canada, Body Politic's raid, and I felt like I had arrived at a tea party — so little dio the majorny so to realize the gravity of our situation. - so little did the majority seem

The Intention to produce a nation-wide newsletter did come out of the rence. It is to print submission French and English and awaits a title in oth languages. Submissions and uggastions for a title can be sent to Sibyl Frei, 305 Huron St, London, ON N6A 2K1.

On the cultural side, however, the rence presented an imprassive cominate presented at migrassive array of lesbian talent. Lesbian creativity is flowering within the lesbian ferminist movement. At the Sunday night coffeehouse Mary Marvey donned a huge false nose and glasses as a researcher who has studied heterosex. uals — "they're proliferating at an alarming rate!" The reverse Anita Bryant routine had the roomful of wom athless with laughter. Ruth and treatmess with leginar. Nutr and Kettle produced clear sound reproduc-tion for the musicians, whose songs and playing were accomplished and staggeringly beautiful. At lunch time on the grassy amphitheatre, Gay Bell performed a play on being a lesblan artist [].

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Commence (excit, held in Tournto in the sarly evening of May 22, was fillmed by the Gay Offensive Col-lective, a media group ceremity producing a series of zable selevision above for Ropers Cable. The group handed a leaf

#### What's "offensive" this month? Two men kissing. A talk on VD ... Gay TV gets the axe.

#### Maclean Hunter cancels Gay T.V.

Maclean Hunter Cable TV Ltd. has de cided to cancel all further showings of Gay News and Views on their natwork.
The program is produced at Metro Cable TV and continues to be shown in the Toronto area on that network as well as

oronto area on that tieswork as well as on Rogers Cable. On May 26 John Haynes, Programming Coordinator for Maclean Hunler, Informed Frank Hutchings of the Gay TV Collective, of the reasons for the cancellation. Hutchings was told the program was offensive. Particularly so were a slide of two men kissing, a so were a since or two men kissing, a poster of Queen Victoria advertising a San Francisco V.D.Clinic with the words "Even queens get V.D.", and a show on Hassie Fres Clinic which informed the gay public of where to get anal ex-aminations. Hutchings was also told gay public of white to get aliable.
aminations. Hutchings was also told
that in a survey of 5000 homes, Macleai
Hunter had received 12 letters which found the program offension

The decision to terminate the program was apparently made at an executive level.

In a statement to TBP Haynes said, The material on the program is intel-lectually hostile, and disrespectful to the establishment heterosexual community. It does not project a better understanding of the gay community and it is too militant. The program and it is too milliant. The program seems to admit that there is no hope for better understanding. This insulling attitude is not in the best interests of the gay community." Haynes, who is not gay, specifically mentioned one program which showed two man kissing in the nucle. In fact, the photo was taken at GATE details or the program and the program which showed two man kissing in the nucle. In fact, the photo was taken at GATE details or the program which was taken as the program which was the program at a GATE dance and the men were

Haynes was unable to give examples of alleged militancy. He continued: "We are quite prepared to go to the CRTC on this because the program has deviated from CRTC standards of practices. I know for a fact that Metro Cable TV, the producers of the program, are not aware of the content of the show, but are taking a hard took at it to conside similar action."

A spokesperson for Metro Cable TV denied this. "What Maclean Hunter found objectionable we had no

The Gay TV Collective is meeting to consider further action.

by Robin Hardy



Midget Feeling obliged to compete

#### Clinic seeks cooperation of gay men in parasite study

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A Tomoto VO clinic has announced it is beginning a study to determine the incidence of certain intestinal parasites among the gay male population. Hassle Free Clinic spokespoor. Robert Trow said the study is being concluded in conjunction with the Donna Keystone and the Oritario Ministry of Health in order to within the Charles of the Charle moebe Histolytica is higher among gay men than among the general mele population.

Several articles published over the last year in British and American madical journals have documented the presence of both organis the general gay male population. Their spread has been linked to oral-anal contact.

"Treatment of parasites has increased over the past year," said Trow, "but partly because the staff of the Clinic are more aware. We give everyone a kit." Trow emphasized that an individual could be infected. with one or both parasites, and still with one of both parasites, and shift show no symptoms. However, the organisms can be responsible for such complaints as fatigue, intoler-ance for certain foods, gas, loss of appetite and, in some cases, severe diarrhea. In addition, E. Histolytica can cause tropical liver abscesses, although Dr. Keystone emphasized that few cases have been reported in Canada

Participants in the study are required to provide a stool sample and answer an anonymous questionnaire Test kits can be picked up at Hassle Free Clinic, 2 Homewood Ave., Glad Day Books, 4 Collier St., and the MCC, 29 Granby St. Further Information is available at 922-3323.

#### City clerk beats firing. claims discrimination

John Bodis, president of Gay Equality Mississauga (GEM) has succeeded in keeping his job after an attempt was

made to fire him on April 3.

Bodis had appeared before the Mississauge Council on February 27 to protest the decision by the municipality's library board not show the film The Naked Civil Servant.
Just over a month later he was told he

was dismissed from his job as a clerk at the City of Toronto Purchasing Department when he called in sick one morning at 9:23 am. After he filed a grievance the firing was reduced to a five day suspension for failure to report to work. A second grievance has been filed against the suspension. His employers claim he is often late,

nd was away from work 16 days last

Bodis feels that he is being made a scapegoat. "They don't like gay people and they want to get rid of me." If the matter cannot be settled within the personnel section, it may come before Toronto City Council under the 1973 bylaw prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

#### **Bryant cancels** Ontario tour

TBP has learned that Anita Bryant has cancelled what was to be her third Canadian tour, this time to flog her book The Anita Bryant Story. The tour, from ine 6 to 10, was to have include

Ottawa, Owen Sound and London.
The tour is said to have been cancelled because Bryant has a throat infection.



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#### Keep on sniffing. Looks like the worst you'll get is headaches.

#### **MCC Conference** names new Toronto pastor

The continuing Canadian expansion of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC) was celebrated May 18-21 in Toronto at the second annual conference of MCC

Canada.
During the conference, Reverend
Robert Wolfe resigned from the position
of MCC Canadian Co-ordinator, and Rev
David Gunton, Pastor of MCC Edmonton, was elected to fill the position.
On the final day of the conference a
special service was held to officially
Install Republic

install Brent Hawkes as pastor of MCC Toronto, in addition to the pastors from all Canadian Congragations, MCC founder Troy Perry of Los Angeles tool part in the service. Hawkes is the first Canadian to be elected pastor of a chartered MCC church.

In recognition of his activities for gay ghts, Hawkes was also appointed haad of The Christian Social Action or the Crimitan Social Action
Committee of MCC Canada. The
committee has responsibility for the
active participation of MCC within the gay rights movement. While interim pastor of MCC Toronto, Hawkes was instrumental in the church's active membership within organizations suc as the National Gay Rights Coalition, the Coalition for Gay Rights in Ontario and the Committee to Dafend John Damien.

by Karl von Harten

#### Alberta prison bans gay lit

Two gay periodicals for prisoners have recently been benned by the Prince Albert Penitentiary in Saskatchewan, it also appears that prison officials are

also appears that prison officials are blocking all correspondence between gay prisoners and a gay minister. Cellimate, published for gay prisoners by the International Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, had been admitted to the Saakatchewan pen for eighteen months before it was banned. It was distributed free by the Rev JoAnne Monti of the Emmanuel tropolitan Community Ch Montreal, Also banned is the Metropolirunity News, a publication of the MCC of Toronto.

The MCC of Toronto.

Rev Monti's correspondence with three prisoners, which had been going on for two years, has also been halted. Monti is Chairperson of MCC Canada's Board of Prison Ministry. A letter to Monti from the regional Director of the Prairie Division of the Panitentiary Services explained that the ban was against materials which proselytize

"I intend to take this as high as I can an angry Monti told TBP. "This is clea an infringement of human rights." At the recent MCC conference in Toronto a motion was passed to pursue the issue to the fullest extent deemed necessary. This would include court action.

In the United States, MCC has gone to court over similar instances of prison censorship, and has obtained isvourable rulings on its behalf.

#### Unitarians pass rights resolution

The Canadian Unitarian Council, The Canadian Unitarian Council, meeting in Fredericton New Brunswick on the Victoria Day Weekend, passed a resolution in support of gay rights with 36 in favour and one abstention. The resolution reads "Be it resolved that the 17th annual meeting of the Canadian Unitarian Council encourages all societies and Individual members

(eg. members of council churches of fellowship groups) to support all efforts to modify federal and provin clel codes of human rights to bar discrimination based on sexual

#### NDP poll shows support for gay rights

The results of a recent survey in Ottawa show that public opinion favours civil rights protection for homosexuals. The ngms protection tor nomosexuas. The survey was conducted in the Ottawe Centre riding of MPP Michael Cassidy, leader of the Ontario New Democrats. One of the questions included in the survey asked: "Do you favour an amend-ment to the Ontario Human Rights Code to outliew discrimination against homo-

The results of the questionnaire, pub

The results of the questionnairs, pub-lished in the most recent Ottawa Centre riding report, showed that of the 427 replies received, 54% favoured out-lawing discrimination against gays. John Duggan, spokesperson for Gays of Ottawa, indicated that the group was encouraged by the results of the survey. "The surver confirms are halfel that "The support confirms our belief that despite Anits Bryant, support for civil rights for homosexuals in Canada ha not diminished but, in fact, has been exuals in Canada has growing."

#### Poppers OK by research group

Toronto's Addiction Research Foundation recently published a commendably non-judgmental informative review about what it calls "the recreational use of vasodilators (RVs); poppers". In addition to listing the various chemical and trade name by which poppers are known, the report discusses their physical properties, availability and legal status in Canada. The report finds headaches to be the

only common side effect of poppers, and says tolerence to these develops quickly. More severe side effects, it says, are rarely reported. No long-term problems are known, according to the

There is evidence that repeated use of poppers "requires higher doses to produce the original effects," There is na evidence of withdrawal symptoms but the available reports on the subject all relate to medical rather than recreational use

Copies of the information review are available without charge from the Information Centre of the Addiction Rasearch Foundation, 33 Russell Street, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2S1.

by Paul Trolloge □

#### Students safe. TBP dropped from summer program

TheOntario Arts Council has rejected an application from The Body Politic for a Production and Promotion Assistent under the Youth Secretariat's

Experience '78 program.

Under the program, the Council would have paid the salary of a student hired by TBP to assist in production and

design tasks over the summer months Ole Pytiowany, co-ordinator for the program, explained in a letter May 24 that "the Council has decided that it cannot allocate a position to The Body Polltic this year while charges under the Criminal Code of Canada are still pending.

The Council has found us guilty even before the courts have had a chance," eald Gerald Hannon, TBP protest this decision."

He noted further that the Council had accepted the paper onto the program last summer, and had paid an openly heterosexual student to work in TBPs

onice.
In her letter, Pytiowany admitted that "your application was in order, and your sponsorship last year seems to have worked out well."

by Robin Hardy 🗆

#### French lesbians win rape case

After a four year trial in Aix-en-Provence two lesbians have won a pivotal case in the struggle to make the French Judicial system take sexual assault

seriously. a rape case had reached the Cour D'Assises, three men were found guilty and sentenced to four to six years in prison. Rape cases have seldom come to triat in France. When they have, the charge has usually been reduced to assault, heard in a lower court and punished by a negligible penalty. In this case, the usual tectic of arguing that consent had been obtained was difficult given that the victims were both

Feminist demonstrators kept the courts under pressure throughout the train spite of abuse and the occasional physical attack. The southern French city was described by the NY Times as 'a bastion of Mediterranean

The plaintiffs' lawyer was Gisèle Halimi, a feminist whose victory in a 1972 abortion case was largely respons-ible for the subsequent legalization of abortion in France.

#### Rights bills killed in Wichita and Eugene

Gay rights ordinances have been struck down in referendums in Wichita Kansas

and Eugene Oregon.
Popular vote has now reversed gay
rights ordinances in four American cities. Votera in Dade County and St Paul overturned similar rights bills

within the last year.
There was immediate response across the country to the Wichita results. Protest demonstrations were held in New York and San Francisco.

"People won't go back into the closets" was the response of Robert Lewis, co-director of the Homophile Alliance of Sedgewick County, to the news that the Wichita ordinance had been defeated on May 9, With only 44% of eligible voters turning out, the ordinance, approved in a 3 to 2 vote in the City Commission September 27 of last year, was repealed by a five to one

The results in Eugene were less me results in Eugene were less devastating. There the gay rights ordin-ance, passed by a 5 to 3 vote in City Council last November, was overturned by a margin of 2 to 1.

The Eugena Citizens for Human rights attempted to avoid the tactic which failed in Miami. That city's pay organizations lended to emphasize the nan rights aspect and downplay the gay issue. The Eugene group conducted an educational campaign on such topics as child molestation and the myth of homosexual recruitment in an attempt to deal with the voters' lack of information about gay people. The civil rights aspect was not ignored however.

Despite their defeat, gay leaders in Wichita were optimistic. "During this campaign we've educated a lot of the carlipaign we ve educated a lot of the public and found the media to be very supportive. Before lest year's Gay Pride celebration there were not open gay people here. Now that's all changed." The next challenge to a city gay rights ordinance in the USA will take place in Sattle Nie Noorscheff.

Seattle this November.

#### **Ouakers for gays**

The American Friends Service Com-mittee announced the enactment April 26 of an affirmative ection plan including gay people along with women and third world people.

The program established that the group "should actively seek the participation of openly gay people" in its staff and committee structures.

#### Gay groups join mounting protest against tascism

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Fitteen thousand protestors from Wast
Germany, France and Poland — including survivors of Hritler's death camps —
marched through Cologne Germany
April 22. It was one of the biggest antiNazi demonstrations in West Germany
since the Second World War. Nec-Nazi
Groups have been increasingly active in groups have been increasingly active in the country in the past year.

Among the marchers was a gay contingent carrying a banner demanding "Reparation for the Gays in the Concentration Camps." Homoexuals were the only group refused compensation for concentration camp strocities after the fall of the Third Reich

On April 30 a gay contingent in Lon-don joined a crowd of 80,000 to march from Trafatgar Square to a "Rock Against Racism" concert. The march and concert were organized by the Anti-Nazi League, a coalition of groups that includes CHE, Britain's largest gay

organization.
The Anti-Nazi League opposes the National Front, a British neo-fascist organization which has called for the de portation of all non-white immigrants and the liquidation of gay people.



#### Boston judge charged flomb attack sparks

gay activism in Jamaica A letter to the Kingston Jamaica Dally News has brought the Issue of pay liber-

ation to national attention.

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The letter, the work of The Gay
Freedom League Movement, followed a
bomb attack on a university student
suspected of being gay. GFM spokespersons have since appeared on both television and radio and the issue is being debated in the national press.

The group has been publishing a bi-weekly news letter The Jamaica Gally News since last year. Gay sex of any kind is still illegal in Jamaica.

#### East Berlin gay group first in Communist Europe

Reports from the German Damocratic Republic indicate that a gay group is functioning in East Berlin — the first in Communist Europe. A group of 40 to 70 gay men and several lesblans have been meeting on a bi-weekly basis for the last five years to discuss their problems, gay Nstory and the gay movement throughout the world.

Although the group is officially tolerated, it has not been granted official status in spite of attempts to have it recognized as a public organization. "The group wants to co-operate within and for the socialist state, and to work for the specific goals and interests of a particular minority" a spokesperson reports. Homosexual acts between co senting adults are legal in the GDR.

#### Oldahoma bans

#### gay teachers

The Oklahoma State House of Repre-sentatives has passed a bill allowing school boards to fire teachers who en gage in public homosexual conduct.

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The vote was 42 to 0.
Public homosexual conduct is defined as "advocating, soliciting, imposing, encouraging or promoting public or private homosexual activities In a manner that creates a substantial risk that such conduct will come to the attention of school children or school mployees.

Senator Mary Helm, a Republican from Oklahoma City and a member of the John Birch Society, said that the bill is needed to protect the state from homosexual movements spreading inland from San Francisco and other coastal cities.

Superior Court Chief Justice Robert Bonin was formally charged April 27 with violations of the States Supreme

Court Rules for judicial conduct.
The charges arose from Bonin's attendance at a benefit lectura by Gore Vidal for the Boston/Boise Committee. The Committee was set up to protect the interests of the gay comm during a witch hunt prompted by the s of a number of men accused of

having sex with minors. n has ratused to resign and has requested the Judicial Court hold hearings on the charges. The Judge has consistently denied any wrongdoing.

#### Bill defeated, gay sex still outlawed in Scotland

A private members bill legalizing gay sex in Scotland has recently been scut-tled in the British Parliament. The bill was proposed by Labour MP Robin Cook and had the support of Scottish Nationalist Party MP Margaret Bain. Neither Labour nor the Scottish

Nationalists wanted to support a bill which they saw as a vote loser, how and pressure was brought on both MPs to drop the effort.

Their attempt was finally killed when a Tory MP raised objections during its second reading in the House. The bill had previously passed easily through the House of Lords.

#### Australians back law reform

A majority of Australians of voting age now believe that the laws about homosexuality should be changed, according to a national survey conducted by AGE POLL. The results were released on May

Fifty-seven percent of those polled say that sexual acts between persons the same sex should be treated by the law in the same way so those between persons of different sexes. A poll taken in 1975 indicated that only 39% of Australians felt that legalizing gay sex between consenting adults was "right and

The rasults are expected to weaker The rasults are expected to weaken the anti-gay stance of Ross Edwards, leader of the ultra conservative Country Party in the State of Victoria. He had tabled a petition in the State Parliament opposing homosexual law reform.

Four days after the release of the poll the Victoria Teachers' Union (VTU)

major teachers' unions to endorse a policy pledging protection for homosexual teachers. The motion also affirmed the VTU's support for decriminalization of homosexual acts between consenting edults, and demanded that there be no disciplinary action taken against any teacher convicted of a homosexual offence with a consenting adult.

The union, considered the state's most conservative teaching body, passed the motion by an overwhelming

The new policy is the result of consistent agitation over the lest three years by the Melbourne Gay Teachers and Students Group. The group has raised gay teachers' issues in union publications, at teachers' seminars, at union branch meetings and in the mass media. It also worked in co-operation with the Sexism Committees of the

#### Gays join May Day marches

The Groupe de Libération Homosexuelle joined groups from all over France to participate in the traditional Paris May Day Celebration this year. This is the second year that the GLH has been given permission to march by the major French Trades Unions

The gay contingent was at the tail end of the demonstration when helmeted not police attacked, armed with trunchnot pointed attacked, armed with frunch-eons and plexiglass shields. The police fired several volleys of tear gas granades. Several gays were taken in by police for "identity checks" and re-leased late. ased later.

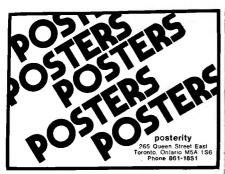
In Newcastle, England, local gay activists joined 3000 May Day marchers for the first time in the city's history. They distributed leaflets arguing the relevance of the gay struggle to trade

#### Homo monsters kill dog

A recent mailing from the offices of "Protect America's Children", signed by Anita Bryant Green herself, describes the atrocities committed, presumably

he artecties committed, predimary by militant homosexuals, against Reverend Richard Angwin. "A bloody axe was left on his daugh-ter's bed, his sermons were ripped and his Bible stomped on so hard you could see the footprints, and their pet poodle blown to bits."

The letter concluded with an appeal for money - and preyers.



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#### Everyfaggot's Dyke — Everydyke's Faggot

Stereotype 1. A taggot is a person (mate) who is weak in body and mind; who, at one and the same time, emulates and rs/hates women. He is bitchy, fas tidious, swishy, neurotic, and an al around failure as a man. By the way, he

Stereotype 2. A dyke is someone (female) who is aggressive, over-bearing and violent. She is a man-hater who acts tike a man because she couldn't catch one if her life depended on it. She is a mean, ugly bully who is neurotic and an all-around failure as a woman. Oh yes, she prefers other woman as eexual

That is the world — ours — accord-

ing to them.

They are more or less married, more or less living in the suburbs, and more or less in touch. Germaine Greer once said, though no doubt with less venom nd more succinctly, that they marry in an effort to complete themselves. That heterosexual couples often find that they have scarcely enough personality between them to make up one whole human being. We might see their fate experiencing only half of their human potential, being able to express half (or less) of the range of human emotions as tragic. But people like them still make the rules

The lesblan escapes the trap of sweet, fluity, wife-and-mother only to be sweet, flufty, wife-and-mother only to be labelled a bul dyke, a mousey prude, or a sex-crazed object to titililate male fantasies. Her male gay counterpart may have avoided the role of oppressive macho jock only to be confronted with a choice of identities that ranges from harmlass hairdresser to dangerous child-moiester.
The most oppressive thing about gay

stereotypes is that they sometimes induce us to believe them. There are fortunately fewer of us now who think that accepting lesbian or gay sexuality means accepting straights' lies about us or paracyling their twisted roles. But we are still tempted to believe the myths about each other. There are gay men who reacted joyfully when lesbians were excluded from "gay" bars becall they were glad to be rid at last of the mey were glad to be rid at last of the spectre of the brawling dyke. There are lesblans who have implied, or even stated, that gay men are in fact child molesters who've cost all gay people legal protection in the human rights

The most insidious thing about gay stereotypes is that we sometime create our own. Have you met the faggot or dyke who is thrilled to the marrow when someone pays him or her the ui-timate compliment: "I never would have guessed!"? The "new gay macho" seems designed to provoke just such response. At least as dange response. At least as gangerous are the new, subtle versions of our old, blatant stereotypes for each other that have taken hold (of all places) within our

There are male gay activitsts who tremble at the approach of "tough" lesbian feminists and shudder at their political "irrationality". This stereotype, shall we call it Stereotype 1A, draws in part upon general male concepts of women. It's most dangerous tendency is to discourage discussion because lesbians and feminists are presumed to be inscrutable women - emotional rather than analytical, and above all 
"sansitive" and apt to cry "sexist" at the 
least provocation (not that provocation

Equally unjust assumptions about gay male activists are held by many lesbian feminists. One of the more common is that gay men believe that it is possible to change the definition of masculinity just enough to allow gay men to fit comfortably into a mai dominated society (this leaving women, including lesblans, holding the short

is being invited).

end of the stick). This assumption rests on several premises, some of which are true, others not. It is true that our society is male-dominated, it is also true that lead of the second that legal change does not equal socie change. It is not true that legal change change, it is not true that legal change alone could after entrenched societal adefinitions of what, for example, it means to be male. Conceptions of massouline behaviour hinge on those of massouline behaviour hinge on those of massouline behaviour hinge on those of massound it. Will not be possible to change the one without changing the other. It is alsountrue that pay liberationists don't, by and large, realize this.

So, Strenotype 2A might be the gay man who earns enough money to afford man who earns enough money to afford the rights that will eventually anable him to earn more. With impunity, and at the expense of women and other owners.

the expense of women and oth oppressed groups. Disagreement about who could and should be public has a lot to do with the between women and men. Openly gay men are far more numerous than public lesbiens. Men are sometimes resentitive that it is they who stick out their necks to be public and are then criticised for male-dominated press conferences, demonstrations, publications and so on. Lesbians are often resentful that the man standing next to them, doing the same job, is presumed to be a primary "bread-winner," whether he is gay or "Oread-winner," whether he is gay or straight, and is paid accordingly while lesblans are "worth" less simply because they are women. Lesblans have a justifiably greater concern for job security. For them breaking out of the lemale role means taking a career and self-sufficiency work serriculaty. It is self-sufficiency very seriously. It is often a matter of survival in a world that systematically discriminates against

ality 1 is a lesbien and feminist who, because she has a relentless raswho, because she has a reientless ras pect for organization, waited until January 1st to come out, even though she'd decided to do so in November. She went to a drop-in one evening and She went to a grop-in one evening and found herself carrying a picket sign against Anita Bryant the next. Within three months, she was on the co-ordinating committee of one of Canada's fastest growing lesbian organizations and now faithfully edits its newsletter. This woman loves to enga in debate and discussion and sees as one of her goals developing political unity between lesbians and gay men. When asked to appear on television, shovercame what she considered to be a "symbolic" obstacle easily and was only really concerned that she "say

Men, are not only not discriminated against, but for them, a challenge to the traditional male sex role means a very different thing. Reality 2 is a male gay friend who is breaking out of the male role in part by refusing to be competitive and career oriented, at least in any traditional sense of that expression, Having made peace with his sexuality he is determined to live according to his own lights. He walks down Yange Street holding his lover's hand (Yonge Street isn't bad, but watch out for College). While he may recommend avoiding cer-tain streets, he hasn't let violence, verbal or physical, stop him from being himself. He is a non-professional hospital worker who may earn more than women doing similar jobs. But he knows they will never let him climb the adder. While he may worry about hi future, success in their terms doesn't mean that much to him.
Two realities, They are individuals, exceptions, one-in-a-million kind of

people — but they exist. And they have far more to offer us, to leach us, than stereotypes - our own or anyone

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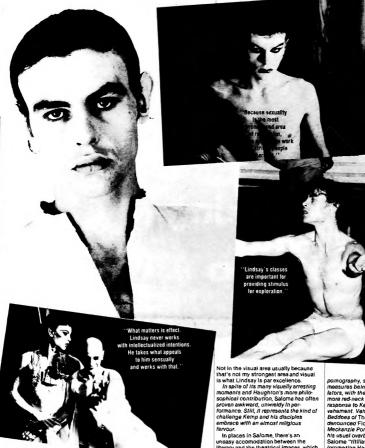


# Working with

by Graham Jackson

Even without the scarlet lipstic and the sequins, he has an exotic mouth. There's no denying the Angel, he's been playing them for too long

The first time was in Arrabal's The Architect and the Emperor of



Assyria. I played the architect who is a semi-divine innocent who gradually becomes corrupted. And I played Caliban, not as an earthy thing, but as a magical being. And various other things had overtones. Since I joined the company. I

berity. And various orner things had overtiones. Since I joined the company, I have sort of become typecast as an angel. Recently Derek (Sebastiane) Jerman invited David Haughton to play a punk rocker in his new Illm, Jubilee. But the inevitable heppened.

I play Ariel who is a dark angel. The film starts off at the court of Queen Elizabeth I. Her astrologer summons up the spirit Ariel who then takes them on a time trip to a contemporary, slightly

futurized England.

I've always been fascinated with that super possibility of what a man, a person, can be — which is what angels are. A projection of one's highest spiritual potential, what one could free oneself from the things that held to end the could be the could free oneself from the things that

bodio ne comment not the mings that he was deuted at Cambridge. He gat hot lists even though he spent most in is time with an experimental, university-based theatre group variously called The Mummers and Phases of the Moon. (The other celebrity the group produced was playwright stepased the Moon. (The other celebrity the group produced was playwright stepased that the second of Strawberry Fladids.) Grahma Jackson is a Torand owner ettic. Grahma Jackson is a Torand owner ettic. Published by Catalyst Press.

On a visit to the Edinburgh Festival. Haughton's group crossed paths with Lindsay Kemp who was presenting his spectacular Flowers there to great acclaim. After Edinburgh, the group moved on to London where Kemp Just happened to be presenting Flowers for height process from the list time. Haughton began taking of the Chauses from Kemp. Not long after he was the control of the Margel Gabriel.

The Angel Gabriel existed before I joined the company. But with Salome, I did shape a lot. I devised the whole of the first half before the words begin. The birth of the snake and the dove — the dove which eventually turns into me, the Angel of Death — was mine

He points out his own contributions to Salome, but with the unspoken acknowledgement that Kemp is the presiding genius. When he speaks of Kemp, it's as of a Great Artist, a gurus a president.

genius. When he speeks of Kemp, It's as of a Great Ariati, a guru, a prefat, a guru, a prefat. The key to what he does is in his sollity to allow things to happen. He had a gift for encouraging people to give the second of the

In places in Salome, there's an uneasy accomodation between the literary and the theatrical images, which probably has to do with our vocal technique, it's not as developed as our physical technique. Some of the images in Salome we took and made work though, images of mirrors, of blood, sexual images.

sexual images. We're united as a company by a common fascination with certain images and with the trance of performing—releasing oneself from what one is considered to the common fascination of the co

Context. If Decomes a ritual.
It's extraordinary how long it can go
on being salistying. To me, five years
ago, the idea that i might spend close
on live years doing most of the time two
plays would have been inconceivable,
irightening. But it hasn't precluded
development and change. One is able to

development and change. One is able to explore the fine details of performance. One loses one's inhibitions by having a thing called Flowers or Salome to reproduce all the time. The framework allows one to test oneself, to see if one is able to give oneself up totally, to give a total performance each time. In Toronto, the eroticism of Flowers

in Toronto, the eroticism of Flowers and Salome was bound to affect audiences. With repressive, antipomography, save-the-children measures being deaft out by our legislators, with the climate growing aver more red-neck and cop-controlled, the rasponse to Kemp was bound to be vahement. Whement against: Dick Beddoes of The Globe and Mail denounced Flowers as sordid and Meckenzie Porter of the Toronto Sun, in his usuel oversition yrose, ischelled Salome "Ullilation for sexual deviants" company in the properties of the control of the promoting flexible on the sexual control of the co

Ours is an aesthetic of imaginative release, of freeling onesel from the restrictions one has built up through the process of being educated and growing up. If we see any mission that's the direction it lies in — overcoming our own imitations and helping people over some of theirs, taking them somewhere in their minds where they've never been.

Sex is one of the areas where one is most preconditioned, enclosed or at-lected by education, the one that needs to be broken open most. To a lot of people that's the most apparent thing in our shows. To us it lian't. We always get taken aback when we go somewhere because at first that's what they talk about, especially critics.

At lifs the predominent reaction is to emphasize the gay element. That simmers down a bit lafter we've been somewhere for a few months. The audience gets wider. Occasionally one can feel a very exuberant, camp response to everything that can overlip the scales in our performance.



#### Books

#### Getting into Getting Sex

Michael Lynch talks to author John Lea

Getting Sex: A New Approach -more fun less guill by John Alan Lee (General Publishing, 1978, \$8.95)

Getting Sex, the new book by gay socio Gerting Sex, the new book by gay sociologist John Lee, proposes to describe the gay "sex delivery system" in a large North American city. Called in the book Metropolls," this city bears a partial resemblance to Metropolitan Toronto. Lee recommends such a "system" to heterosexuals as a model of how to find, as he says in the promo leaflet, "more sex, more fun, and less guilt."

Lee describes in great detail the various sexual and social meeting places of gay men in "Metropolis" cruising on the streets, in parks and washrooms, at bers and discos and making contact through classifled ads in the gey press. He devotes a chapter to S&M and discusses male prostitution. Framed in the form of a sociological study aimed at academics and others interested in human behaviour the book is based upon "many hours" of original research by the author as a parcipant observer and interviewer.

Ifound Getting Sex hypnotic. And

bothersome. It argues for promiscs which I want to see both defended against its many detractors and made available to more people, gay and nongay. It argues that there is a "gay wis-dom" that non-gays might learn from who could disagree? But is this the particular model of promisculty we should take pride in and promote? Does this book represent the "wisdom" or the tolly of the gay ghetto in matters sexual?

Lee writes in his pretace that he knows the book will upset some gay people, and has told me that "I knew you'd be one of them." So when TBP asked me to speak with him with an aye towards articulating some of our differences, we were both ripe for discord.

I like your dismissal of some stereo tike your usmissai or some stereo-types about gay men — that we must be butch-or-lem, or ective-or-passive, for in-stance. But isn't the entire book based up-onanother stereotypical dualism, saying we must be either young end ettrective or, when that is lost, skillful "sex-

hunters"? The question of attraction occurs only a few times in the book, as opposed to the hunter and hunted roles. which are emphasized repeatedly as roles. I don't see any reason to apolo-gize for the notion that getting sax re quires skills, that it doe

ily. Nor do I. But aren't there other appr priate weys of enalysing what goes into successful cruising than the uniform nter/hunted" metephor

I suppose there are. I use this one because it's part of the ecological model. If you begin with a biological model, you start with the concept of species relating to each other "Preda tion" is one of them; "symbiosis" is equally important.

The impression the book gives me is that there is the "pray" and there are the various "hunters" always competing like crezy for it. Do you see "sexhunting" as alweys competitive?

Yas. As long as you realize that a person can make himself either hunte or hunted. I definitely see it as a competitive situation in a large city. Which ever role you take, the chances of operating on a strictly one-to-one basis with out competition are very small.

But there are so many men, why

should there be competition? And why should we encourage straights to mimic thet competitiveness?

Sex is made an artificially scarce re-source in our society for a number of reasons; our Victorian and Puritanical reasons our victorian and Purnancer ethics, sterming from Judeo-Christian ethics, the romantic notions, the notions of ideal physical type. Everyone in a bar or baths is not equally into the competition; some people have more to

iffer than others. Physical beauty is high in terms of the exchange value in at system, but it can be con

I'd argue that we should be trying to undo that situation, not extend it. But even as things stand, it seems to me thet there are many factors determining attractiveness between pertners, not just physical beauty or the old man's mpensatory "technique." That depends on whether you're

thinking of getting sex or finding a rela-tionship. If you're looking for a relationship, I agree with you. Personality, bio graphical qualities, occupation and so on become much more relevant. But if all you want is the booy, it you want a night or a series of nights, e fucking buddy or a scenerio or threesome or a trick, then essentially the character comes in only to the extent that it mini-mizes risks. You don't want to go to bed with someone dangerous.

Despite a few passages showing the easures of cruising, the book's over whelming impression, to me, is thet cruising is very mechanical and meni pulative, a matter of designing various meens carefully to trep the "prey."

"Manipulative" I'll agree with, the rest i don'i. My sociology is the sociology of symbolic interaction. I believe that people are always manipulating others, with a greater or lesser degree of consciousness. If you want to play lennis with someone and he wants to play tennis with you, then you're not using the person. I don't see that as mechanical.

"The experienced sexhunter of the gay discos casts his line and dragnets, culling the crowd for his nightly catch": I believe people are always manipulating others, with a greater or lesser degree of consciousness - John Lee

But who ever speaks of "hunting" a tennis partner as "prey"? The difficulty is have with the idea that all manipulation in cruising is predatory, it suggests trapping something that really doesn't want to be caught, any more than a bird wants to be shot or a lish to be hooked.

You're getting hung up on a word. Your word. Your world-view.

If I'd used "searcher" and searchee," would it seem less med

Perhaps II you'd used "seercher" an "searchee," but mutuality is fer from your system. I keep heering echoes of some treatise written within twenty some treatise written within twenty years of Derwin, in which there are the beautiful young things being devoured by the slightly older and slightly less beautiful young things, being devoured by — and so on. You know, "nature red in tooth act here." In tooth end claw,"

It is simply a question of taking initias or responding to initiatives Not in Getting Sex. You write, for semple, with regerds to men in the park: "Many eppear over thirty; many, as you might expect, are no longer attractive." I don't expect people, because they're over thirty, to be no longer

attractive. That's in the context of the park People who go out to look in parks late at night in the dark without a single streetlight I expect to be less attractive

Then you discount the pleasures of having sex in the park, which you des-cribe nicely elsewhere? Surely anyone oen enjoy sex in the perk. o say that there are attractive and liberated people who use parks.

But the main -



But the main — my experience, lending god knows how many nights in parks, talking to people and counting them, is that the great majority were ovar thirty.

Could you comment on this statement from the chepter on discost The experienced sexhunter of the Metropolitan gay discos likewise casts his lines and dragnets, cuiling the crowd for his nightly catch. To and fro towards missinging caren, to and no he moves eround the floor, plying the surging tide of bodies, pulling some in and throwing them back, until at last he

restles with a worthy plunder."

That's written definitely as a meta phor, since the clubs I'm (alking about are given the names of fishes.

isn't the metaphor so overextended thet it faisities the situation? That's a criticism that could be made,

from a literary point of view I mean in terms of fact, of what actually happens.

I don't deny that there are obviously people there who just go to dance and so on, but from the point of view of my em - namely, how does o

problem — namery, now over one lick — the disco works this way. Do you find it a widely spread phenomenon, as I think you imply, that older men (anyone over thirty) asking younger men (anyone under thirty) to dance gets answers such as "Not with you, fetty," or "I never dance with old men," or "Il might be too herd on your heart, deery," These sound like the anti-gay literature of the 50's.

Those are all actual examples. I'm afraid that's very much part of the reality

that I've found. I don't, myaelf, wish this kind of ageism onto straights. There is a pessage i do like, towards the end of the book. There you speek briefly of sex as play because it's not a means but rether an end in itself. Of course, this is our repeated answer to Catholics and others who want sex only for procret tion. But it seems to me that through this book, cruising is not playful, in this sense at least, because it is pointedly a means to an end. You don't ever allo means to an end. You don't ever allow for cruising to be pleyful — only more or less efficient, more or less success-tul, in reaching its and: e "oatch" for the

night, That's a fair criticism. Getting Sex does not discuss those aspects of the gay social life which are essentially social. I say several times that these exist, and that they actually occupy much more of gay people's social inte action than just cruising for sax. My book is not about the gay subculture, or the gay culture, or whetever you want to call it. It's about the problem of getting

This book presents the gey world of Metropolis to people who don't kn anything ebout it, and claims to be designed for a heterosexuel audience
And you've no qualms that you don't give the larger picture es well?

Getting Sex is not a book to present

the gay world,
You know it's going to do just thet.
You know that the only other book in English Canade on gays is A Not So Gay World. Where else is the straight audi-ence to get the whols picture?

Nowhere, nowhere, lagree, Getting

other book turned out not to be in me. Getting Sex was.

I wonder it a gay person, particularly in most of Canada where there is no urban "sex delivery system" such as you describe here, would get a very negative image, particularly a young gay person bacause throughout it, success oen only be achieved by using another

i see nothing wrong with a person using another if the two people enjoy that mutual use. I use the streetcar conductor, I use my mailman. They use me too because if riders or mail-receivers

didn't exist they wouldn't have a job. You've said that "sexhunters" have praised you for the accurecy of the disco chapter. Heve you asked any of

the disco "prey" for a reaction?
No I haven't, because I think that people who go to discos mainly to be caught are not really conscious to any thing like the same extent of what's going on. Part of the problem in being inefficient in using the territory is that they don't understand the structure of the farritory the way the hunter does.

That seems to me to confirm what I was charging, that the action in your analysis is all on one aide. You were warrysis is an on one aide, you were saying that the action really is mutual because the prey go there to be hunted, but now you say that they really don't understand what they're doing.

Not nearly as much, I'm not saying nat they don't understand it at all. The hunter/prey kind of promisculty is the kind that you would like to see

neterosexuals adopt, right? Yes. The message put out by the media is one of a very negative, moralistic warning. You seek casual sax and you'll end up either lonely and demented, like Aifle, or dead, like Terry Dunn, What I'm saying is that, given the right kind of social organization, it's entirely possible for heterosexuals to e a system of sexual opportunities.

I heve a silly hope that we, or they, analter the hunted/prey mentality, wherever it exists.

You don't see Plato's Retreat as a advance for heterosexuals? Yes, a very small one. I don't see that e "system" you describe here is good initself, as you seem to think.
Gay people have solved the problem better than heterosexuals heve —

No doubt about that. and heterosexuals can learn from the way the problem has been solved in

the gay world. Lee has an answer for every

jection, A lot more answers than I do. But many of them, somehow, evade the objections. So I'm left with questions, questions, questions. Is his use of ecological language

appropriate or misleading? Are his natural metaphors faithful to current understandings of nature? Isn't tting Sex committed to an ageism and an unrelieved competitiveness in its analysis? And isn't its tone through and through condescending to every kind of gay person — the young, the old, the closeted, the activist, the MCC member the lesbian — except the hardened, in-veterate, vulturous, successful

You'll read it, You can say,

#### EAST TO EDEN-

# The Halitax Pubic Gardens The Maritime Majorette Competition The Bearded Lady The APPLE

plus other bites of knowledge for this summer in Canada's Atlantic paradise

Atlantic Canada feature coordinated by Robin Hardy

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#### Getting there

For the Beautiful People it's by air. For the intrepid and/or impover-ished traveller it's by train, ear, bi-cycle or foot. The countryside makes the land trip worthwhile.

The voyage begins in Montreal. Two famous trains (for railroad buffs) depart daily: The Ocean leaves at 5:05 pm. On the first evening out voyagers can see a spectacular sunset view of Ouebec City and the Citadel as the train passes through Lévis on the south side of the St. Lawrence at 8:40 pm. The trains run down the east coast of New Brunswick, and the sunrise over the Baie de Chaleur is not to be missed. It's probably one of Canada's most spectacular sights. The train arrives in Campbellton NB at 6:00 am and proceeds down the province along the Northumberland Straight to Moneton and arrives in Halifax at 3:55 pm.

The Scotian leaves Montreal at 11:30 pm. If You're awake at 3:00 am you can see Quebec City by night, and the train resurfaces at daylight in Rivière du Loup at 5:30 am. After a grueling day's travel, The Scotian arrives in Halifax at 10:20 pm. Coach seats on either train are \$43.00 one way.

The voyage by car opens up as many variables as there are highways. There are, again, two main routes. The first is all-Canadian along the Trans-Canada highway to Rivière du Loup, and then south into New Brunswick, taking the traveller through Edmunston and the Madawaska Valley. This predominately French-speaking area of New Brunswick has its own firmly entrenched regional identity dating from the days of the Maine boundary disputes in the early 1800s. When asked at that time whether they were American or British, the locals replied "Citizens of the Republic of Madawaska" and so they still consider themselves today. The Republic has its own flag, and federal buildings in the area are referred to as embassies. The capital is Edmunston. From there, the Trans-Canada proceeds to Fredericton, and the traveller has a choice of either proceeding to Saint John and taking the ferry to Digby, Nova Scotia; or going to Moncton on the Trans-Canada, crossing the Tantramar Marshes on the isthmus of Chignecto and on into Nova Scotia. (For all ferry schedules and costs see back page of this pull-out.) June/July 1978

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Above: Halifax, NS, site of the 6th Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men. Below: Halifax-Darmouth and surrounding countryside. Avoid Peggy's Cove, the most photographed village in North America. Too kitsch and too crowded. Prospect, a 32 km drive from Halifax, is nicer, and unspoiled. You can buy fresh mackeral at the fish houses there for 20¢ a fish. For a secluded and nearby beach the grandeur of Crystal Crescent is recommended. Four kilometres of sand along the Atlantic. A nice place to be gay.

The second route goes south of Montreal to Vermont, New Hampshire and Bangor, Maine via the Interstate highways. From Bangor, 150 km of winding blacktop goes to Calais (pronounced 'calis') where one crosses into St. Stephen, New Brunswick. Again, one has a choice here of proceeding to Moncton and Nova Scotia by the Trans-Canada, or taking the Digby Ferry from Saint John. Both routes are scenic, the Maine way being somewhat more pastoral. The countryside is filled with enormous frame houses built in the 19th century.

Two other potential routes through Maine involve travelling to the seacoast towns of Bar Harbor

or Portland, and taking the ferry from either to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, which is 340 km south of Halifax. Beware of the cost. Travelling by car on the ferries is expensive

Once you're in the Maritimes, disances are short, and with a car it's easy to province hop. To get to Prince Edward Island one drives from Halifas north to Cape Tormentine, just across the New Brunswick border and catches the ferry which runs like a bus service to the Island.

A ferry also runs from Wood Island, on the south coast of PEI to Caribou on the north shore of Nova Scotia, which is convenient if one wishes to go directly from PEI to Cape Breton.

The journey to Newfoundland is long, and underlines that province's isolation from the North American mainland. To get there one has to cross the Maritimes to the east coast of Cape Breton. The ferries leave only from North Sidney. Cape Breton is worth the drive.

During the summer months, there are two fetry routes to Newfoundland. The first sails across the entrance to the gulf of St Lawrence to Port aux Basques, Nfld, a distance of 160 km. It's a six hour ride. Then there's a 1000 kilometer drive across the entire width of the province to the city of St John's, located at the extreme eastern tip of the Avalon Peninsula. This route offers a chance to visit communities such as Cornerbrook. Grand Fails and Gander, as well as the infamous oil refinery at Come-by-Chance. Near there, on the isthmus leading to the Avalon Peninsula, you'll find a magnificent lookout on the top of a mountain. You can see the enormous Placentia Ray to the south and the equally awesome Trinity Bay to the north. The second ferry from North Sidney travels across 426 km of water, some of it international

The second ferry from North Sidney travels across 426 km of water, some of it international exhibits of your amusement). The trip is eighteen hours and berths are inexpensive, recommended, and will literally rock you to sleep. This ferry arrives in Argentia, a small former US naval base on the Avadon Peninsula, and a mere 120 km ride from St John's.

A visit to St. John's should include a visit to Cape Spear, which juts out into the Atlantic some 32 km. south of the city. It is the most easterly point in North America. A gravel road leads to it, and it's hard to find, but it's a great place to watch for icebergs, and explore the abandoned armaments from the second-world war.

Geologically speaking, the Avalon Peninsula is supposed to be a little piece of Europe tacked onto the new world. Internationally speaking, nearby St. Pierre and Miquelon are historical flukes, little pieces of France maintaining their nationality a few kilometers off the coast of Canada. Go. You don't need a passport. The ferry leaves from Fortune, Newfoundland, daily during the summer. Fortune is about 450 km. from St. John's.

And have a gay old time.

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Picture yourself going into an establishment of some kind, like the Post Office, and asking in French for stamps would probably be something like, "I'm sorry, I don't speak French." and then if you do ask in English, people would on the whole, laugh at your accent. It's happened to me. I am an Acadian gay living in the Atlantic Provinces.

discos Few ertainment establishments will even partly cater to their Acadian clientele Most places do not play any French music. We are too of-ten forgotten just because e're a minority, not speci-

cause we are French So the English say to move to a French speaking city somewhere! But what if 1 want to stay in the Maritimes? Does that mean that I have to learn a different language and culture? Does that mean 1 we to forget all my child hood years as a French being an English Canadian?

eaking for myself, and probably for most Acad I want to stay in the Atlantic Provinces, to speak French, and keep the French traditions and culture that are so dear to me

Dene Roach



#### this year's coordinator remembers last year in Saskatoon.

July 1, 1977 will go down in Saskatoon history as the already happened. We had a taste of that freedom day we liberated Kiwanis Park. Exhilarated from the success of our march on City Hall, the first gay march ever held in Saskatoon, we wandered over the riverside arm-in-arm, in couples and groups. There, the stately Bessborough Hotel was presiding over a somewhat tepid Canada Day celebration. A country band was playing on an outdoor stage, but no one think of Saskatoon, one image appears again and was dancing - until we arrived

Eyes grew wide as men started dancing with men, women with women. Soon, members of the watching crowd were joining in. Whether out of acceptance. amusement or simple astonishment, no one tried to tiny glimpse of a better world. The biggest thing of harass us. A benign prairie sky shone down on everyone. For a moment it was as if the revolution had

that will be ours someday - the simple freedom to love openly and joyfully without the cancerous sense of fear that today eats into our selves and our relationships. That small taste was wildly intoxicating, and very addictive.

It's the little things that change our lives. When I again. I see gentle, bushy James Fraser of the Canadian Gay Archives, dressed in an orange caftan, laughing, dancing, whirling about in Kiwanis Park with a group of children, their parents smiling on. A



Quebec are expected to descend on Halifax June 28 for parties, fun, demos, gay cultural evenings and dancing. This is the sixth such event. Bilingual and bi-national erences in Quebec City, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Toronto en

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In an area of the country that has only recently seen movement, the event promises to attract widespread at

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The Heidelberg - 1475 Dresdan Row. German cuisine and lounge with a large gay patronage. Try their ieesecake. The Gin Kee Hing - 5970

Spring Garden Road. Good Chinese food at reasonable prices

The Garden View - 5525 Spring Garden Rd Chinese food, popular downtown hang-out. Affectionately known as Gag'n'Spew. Campbell's Clam Chowder a specialty.

The Paradise - 1556 Hollis

St. Halifax's only all-night restaurant. A sort of landmark... Dig the Garden of Eden murals

The Chicken loor - 1264 Barrington St. good East Indian food at asonable prices.

The Palm Lunch — 5245

Prince St., corner Grafton. Chinese and Canadian dishes. Small and economi-cal. Another "sort of landmark

Philos . - Queen St, off Spring Garden Rd. Vege-tarian dishes, all sorts of herb

teas and such. Small, casual, 16/Body Politic

Historic Properties turing Privateers Ware-house - three levels, each unique; lower pub, middle good jazz, upper good food.
The Clipper Cay — great
seafood. Also the both of

the famous Bluenose and lots of interesting boutiques. A bit of a tourist trap, but The Henry House - 1222

Barrington St. An elegant and antique setting, Excellent wine selection and gourme dishes. Not for the poor.

Pepe's - 5680 Spring Garden Rd. Comfortable at mosphere. Specializing in salads, seafoods and traditional Nova Scotian desserts. a jazz café, growing in popu-Zanata's - 1591 South

Park St. Greek and Mexican dishes, very affordable - candlelight and

Old Man Morias' - 1150 Barrington St. Delicious Hellenic cuisine - Greek music

By Kathy MacNell unsolicited comments by Robin Metcalfe

This city offers a unique on portunity to join a two-hun-dred-year-old cruising tradion Citadel Hill in the heart of downtown. If the action fails, there's always the view. Also popular are the Public Gardens, corner of Spring Garden Rd and South Park St. (Affectionately called the "Pubic Gardens"

by the natives-in-the-know.) At the foot of Citadel Hill and a short walk from the Gardens is an area known as "The Triangle," formed by Spring Garden Rd, Dresdan Rd, and Queen St. Very popular but somewhat pedes-trian. For something a little more off the beaten path (so to speak), try Black Rock Beach at Point Pleasant Park. This is definitely At Your Own Risk. Straights hang out there too. For those with a hankering for the his-torical, Captain Morgan, an infamous pirate whose rum we now pretend to drink, was hanged here by the British in the 18th century. If you stumble on his ghost, don't be alarmed. It won't be the

There ere ten people cruising in this photo. Can you find them? For the Hotel scene try the Fore and After Lounge at the Dresdan Arms Motor Hotel on Artillery Rd — quite near The Triangle and at the foot of Citadel Hill. Also the Lord Nelson Tavern, on Spring Garden Rd, just across from the Public Gardens, Murray's urant, another part of the Lord Nelson Hotel com plex is also known to

Robin Metcolfe

discourage this, so there's all the more reason to go.
For the tearoom trade, there's Halifax Shopping Centre, but he careful The heat's been on and a certain Deputy Justice Minister was ntly emba

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nanagement is trying to

Russian sailors have been

esplanade along the harbour just behind the Hotel Nova Scotia, Gook luck. Perhaps the NATO fleet will be around. Here's hoping your

ship comes in. In Atlantic Canada:

This is not a definitive list of where to go, but can give the avid cruiser some ideas. More useful than listings, you'll find, are your own finely tuned instincts. For example no listings are available for St John's Nfld, but we have a feeling the action is on Signal Hill and by the shores of Lake Ouidi Vidi. Holiday lnns (the lounges) are prob abiy a safe bet, anywhere,

and everywhere,
Fredericton: The Lord
Beaverbrook Hotel Bar, 659

Queen Street, Outdoors: The Green, a park adjacent to the river and the Beaverbrook Art Gallery. Beware of strey moosef

Prince Edward Island: In Charlottetown try the environs of the Confederation Centre. We've heard stories about actors there, if you're into an artsy evening.

Saint John NB: The Pub is the Admiral Beaty Hotel. Crusing: try the Grey Inn T-Room, and the Oshawa Mall.

Bangor Maine: for those derested in foreign flesh, fry Miller's (a pub?) at 427 Main Street, or Peter's Candlelight (sounds camp!) at 158 Main St. For cruising, there's Main St North, near the Candle light, the Old Covered Bridge near the Candle behind the Post Office, and the general vicinity of Sleepers Clothing Store. At your own risk.

If you're driving on Inter state 95 try these resistops; southbound at Herman, northbound at Carmel. Old Orchard Beach in Maine is quite cruisy as well, but everyone there is usually from Montreal,

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Lunch Workshops 1200 1300

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Monday, July 3 Workshop Final plenary Christian service at

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1200 Luncheon
1400 Unlicensed matinée at Turret
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Turret Turret Mixed coffee house at Saint Mary's Uni-versity, with The Bearded Lady. 2000

# Ind' how to get there, what to do + wh

O wouldn't it be loverly...

"I'm sorry, we don't serve your kind of people in here," said the het barmaid to a woman and her two male companions who'd dropped in for a drink one evening "What do you

'You know what I mean plied the barmaid firmly,

Management's orders. The woman was straight, but one of the two men was

gay.

How do they tell a gay from a straight at the Jury Room? Well, the woman was known to have a number of gay male friends. Another



a straight man was redressed suspiciously - all in

The Gay Alliance in Halifax pickered.
Oh, wouldn't it be nice to

have a party there some even-ing during the conference...? A big party. With dancing.

And lots of camp! The Jory Room, Down-town at the Carleton Hotel.

APPLE is the Atlantic Provinces Political Leshians for Example.

APPLE does not have a vertical structure in which some women are given positions which are more important or more valuable than others. We are attempting to stress the equal worth of each indithe equal worth of each rout-vidual, even when they are down or having personal difficulties which take them from participation in the group.

The group is often only as strong as its weakest member. We are also attempting to talk to each other at meetings in to each other at meetings in such a way that no woman domin-ates the meeting - either by the loudness of her voice, or the amount she talks.

There are times when it would be simpler to avoid con-fronting another woman about something she is doing which burts or hothers you - avoid-ing the issue is the way we have been socialised. It keeps us from questioning very hasic things about ourselves and society.

There is a whole season of life and growth ahead for APPLE. We hope for an abundant harvest. Margo Pearce



The

Bearded Lady

"In ancient lands women with beards were worshipped, partaking of that prophetic mystery that blurs the distinction between the sexes. However, the passion of the Chris-tians wiped out the hermaphrodites, who became the servants of hell. My sisters, servants of neil. My sisters, those ripe women with their haloes of hair were broken by the mobs of crazed priests who worshipped sealess abstractions of purity... Come, beautiful helies, out of your bearded ladies, out of your caves, let this century have a good long stare." (© 1978 Jim MacSwain). So says Jim MacSwain,

just a boy from Arnherst, Nova Scotia, now a Maritime artiste extraordinaire and author of The Bearded Lady's Reflection, a one-man theatre piece which combines singing, dancing, poetry, mime, and shifting personas.

mime, and shifting personas. Already the recipient of tum-ultous applause from gay and straight audiences, MacSwain will perform his pageant at the National Gay Conference

in Halifas.
"The whole idea is that in
there is this in, and in every woman there is this man, which I think is really quite true. I think that the gay movement has built its strength on just this idea alone, that there is this powerful person inside us which demands to be heard..."

MacSwain is also a central figure in the planning for the Sixth Annual Conference, in his capacity as one of the two Cultural Co-ordinators. The idea that polities and culture should go hand in hand has had a major influence on his work as an artist. "...The more that cultural identity we were talking about emerges, and the stronger it gets, the more power, the more strength we are going to have

to attack the system that op-presses us."

The Bearded Lady's Re-flection. An evening with Jim MacSwain, At the mixed cof-feehouse, July 2nd, 8:00 pm.

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Saskatoon.



scarchers on the west coast we recently discovered bian relationships among coan retailonsings among agults. Apparently two fe-sle birds will build a nest, d one will lay (infertile) gs which will be diligently arded by both. The lesbia agulls also imitate hetero-tual mating activity.

this expected that orni-ologist will soon discover-nilar behaviour on the east What would an Atlanta

inada feature be without an ticle on seaguils?

LITTLE ANNIE

(The following is the text of a skit presented at the coffee house at the 5th Annual Conference in Saskatoon in July, 1977, and at the First Annual Atlantic Gay Conference in Halifax in October, 1977, The lines are delivered by a smooth-talking announcer seated at a desk. To his left stands a forlorn and disheveled-looking waif.)

Little Annie is a 25-year-old Lesbian activist. She lives in a cold, damp basement in the slums of suburban Halifax. She has had no work for almost a year. Her paltry UIC cheques barely enable her to support a dog, two cats and the remains of a '68 Barracuda. On the train to gay conferences, she has to eat rancid cheese-and-peanut-butter sandwiches while wealthy Upper Canadian gay activists dine in the luxury of the CN dining car.

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Rand Gaynor of Doomsday Studios is a Halifax gay artist. He designed the poster for this year's conference.

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A Different Story: very much the same old or

#### A Different Story Paul Aaron (director)

Al Belkin (producer) Avco Embassy-Astral Films A Different Story is in fact very much the same old one. Even if they haven't seen the film (and, aside from the likeability of Perry King and Meg Foster, there is no reason at all why they should), readers will probably know that it is about a gay man and a lesbian who get married for convenience and then fall in love. More accurately, a pseudo-gay and a pseudo-lesblan, for just one single night of good old "normal" love-making and, bingol, instant cure. (Yes,

the film really is as silly as that.)
Its sole interest is in the opportunity if provides for studying the conditions which must be fulfilled for gay themes and cheracters to be essimilated into and characters to be assimilated into mainstream bourgeois cinema. In this respect the film parallels the recent wave of "bourgeois teminist" movies; that it is greatly interior to An Unmarried Women is doubtless partly a

matter of individual talent, but may also be due to the higher level of cheating, evasion and distortion necessary to e gayness safe for family con

sumption. The first condition is that gayness (as in Dog Day Afternoon, and like Feminism I relevant movies) must be thoroughly depoliticized; gay liberation becomes simply a matter of individualistic live and-let-live, in no way a threat to established norms. Second, and crucially, the film takes absolutely for granted the feerinability of the person. granted the desirability of the hetero-sexual relationship as the right, superior one, and with it the whole paraphernalia of bourgeois "normality" — monogamy, exclusivity, possessiveness, jealousy. What the film celebrates is the con-version of a gay man and woman into a model of nuclear family: even the play with the exchanging of male and female roles (on which most of the comedy in to the first half is built) is increasingly dropped as the film progresses. Gayness, in fact, is here little more than a trendy gimmick: the film's narrative pattern is absolutely conventional, every lwist familiar from Hollywood

comedies of the 30s and 40s.
The third condition is the insidious reinforcing of bourgeols stereotypes of gayness which the film tries to look as gayness which the film tries to look as though it's questioning. The gayness of the principals amounts to little more than the man being a better cook and dress-maker than the woman; from the mid-point it ceases to be an issue (we are leased with the possibility that the man has reverted, but no, he's really car rying on with another women and it's not serious). The two significant charac-ters who are "really" gay are either decadent-exploitative (Albert's ex-lover) or neurotic (Stella's ex-lover). The tilm makes the token gesture of providing each lead-character with an alternative lover of the same sex who appears well adjusted, but the characters are kept peripheral and undeveloped. Nothing in

the film seriously challenges the common assumption that gays are er nasty or sick.

There is one important difference be n this film and the "bourgeois teminist" movies: the latter seem addressed primarily to women (as the male-dominated cinema's means of saying "We understand your problems and we'll give you a helping hand, within limits"); A Different Story is certainly not addressed to gays, whom it can only anger. Its ideal audience would be the parents of gays who wish to believe their children are just "going through a phase." Its function is to reassure the bourgeois world that gays pose no threat to its notions of normality. It restilles yet again to the inability (or refusal) of bourgeois society to recognize alternatives to its own entrapmer and richly departers the Agency to Author Agency. and richly deserves the Anita Gryant award for the healthlest family movie of

by Robin Wood & Richard Lippe□

#### Books

#### Nouvelle approche de l'homosexualité: Style de vie

Alain Bouchard

Editions Homeureux, 1977, \$6.00

Luc Benoit, Paul Chamberland. Georges Khal & Jean Basile (eds) Editions de l'Aurore, 1978, \$14.95 Ouebec has just produced its fourth and tifth non-liction works on gay themes. This in itself is significant when one considers the dearth of publications on the subject in English Canada, The reasons are all too evident. Linguis reasons are an foo evident. Unguis-lically isolated from the mainstream of the American publishing industry, Ouebec has feit a real need for its own homosexual literature. Unfortunately, the latest oftarings are less than satisfactory though for guite different

louvelle approche de l'homosexu elité, by Montreal psychologist Alaln Bouchard (who is gay allhough he never identifies his sexual orientation in the book), aims primarily at reaching the young homosexual who is coming out and secondarily at the professional psy-

chologist with gay clients.
The book consists largely of rather banal advice to homosexuals who might be having difficulties with the coming out process. Bouchard encourages selfacceptance; admirable advice in itself However, the major thrust of his "healthy" gay lifestyle is integration into the heterosexual status quo.

While Bouchard gives lipservice to gay liberation principles concerning the gay interface principles concerning the societal oppression of homosexuals and the need for a gay rights struggle in his introduction and conclusion, these ideas do not permeate the book. The overall portrail of the homosexual is of a lonely, agonized individual who should, at best, aim for integration. Apart from a at best, aim for integration, Apart from a very useful bibliography and list of gay organisations and publications, the book will do little to raise the con-sciousness of the Québecois gay who is coming out

Roughard has attempted to be for Ouebec what Dr. George Weinberg has been for English North America. But despite his declared rejection of the at-titudes of traditional psychology vis-a-vis the homosexual, Bouchard has not been able to shake his own prejudices. His focus remains the problems of the individual homosexual rather then the homophobia which is the source of this copression.

If Bouchard's work suffers from the banal, Sortir, on the contrary, is charac terized by an overemphasis on the ab-stract. This volume is an anthology of

twenty-two articles by as many writers. Though the topics are varied and interesting, almost all the contributions suffer from too much theory and offer too little in terms of concrete sugges-tions. Personally, I had a great deal of tions. Personally, I had a great deal of difficulty wading through the esoteric intellectualizing of most of the articles. As a result the book will appeal to few but an intellectual eitle. The "point de départ" of the the book

is that the recent Truxx ber raid has caused Quebec society to reevalu-ate the position of the homosexual. Straights and gays alike have contributed to this analysis. Several Quebec "celebrities" figure among the contributors: singers Yvon Deschamps, and Renée Claude and author Michel Tremblay. Their two page contributions owever, of opportunism

Several exceptions which deal with several exceptions which deal the win more concrete issues do make the work worthwhile: Guy Menard on gays and theology, Jean Simonaau on pederasty, Claude Beautleu on homophobia and Marie-Andrée Bertrand, a member of the LeDain Commission, who makes an interesting comparison between the oppression of women and drug-users and gays, Perhaps the most refreshing contribution is the first publication e a medleval gay version of the Si Galahad legend.

heps still in its infancy in Quebec and heps still in its intancy in Guerre and these two volumes are certainly impor-tant beginnings. However, it can only be hoped that future Quebec writing will find a means of being both thought provoking and concrete. Perhaps it is only through the establishment of a gay press, something still lacking in Quebec, that this can take place. by Ron Dayman .

Both books are available from Androgyny Bookstore, 1217 Crascent St., Montreal.

#### Montgomery Clift The Real Monty

Patricia Bosworth Harcourt Brace Jovanovich (Longman Canada), 1978, \$16.95 Patricia Bosworth's Montgomery Cliff is the second biography of this American actor to be published in the past year and it is in every way (save the choice of photos) superior to Robert LaGuardia's



hy book. Bosworth has esche the fashionable road of psycho-biography and has given us a carefully researched and even-handed account of Clift's lite. It tells us what he did oncerful anecdotes abound) and eves us to decide who and what he

Clitt's mother, Sunny did not know until adulthood her real parents' names and when she discovers that she is a "thoroughbred" she dedicates her life to being recognized by their families. Monty and her other childran are draggedacross Europe (understanding hubby languishing Stateside) being educated to be worthy of the great Anderson and Blair tamilles from whom they descend. Recognition never

All the children spend much of their lives trying to accomodate the intransigent strength of their mother. Montry alternates between declarations that she is a "cunt" and tervent, almost

she is a "cum" and tervent, armoet worshipful, praise of her strangth. Unlike LaGuardie's romantic approach to Monty's drug and alcohol addiction (the "all his life he was trying to die" school) Bosworth presents a more integrated man; the pressures of beauty and stardom, how he blundered into addiction, his attempts to break out, and the final defence of refusing to admit a problem.

About Clift's homosexuality, Bosworth is most mature. She seeks no simple cause, nor does she see it as the latal flaw. Rather she demonstrates how it makes life more difficult for a "star" a macho society and further compil-cates an already confused individual. She does talk briefly about Monty's other life, his nights out cruising the streets and his male lovers, often hustlers. It is an area she might well have explored for further insights into this enigmatic man.

Within the limits of a short (400 within the imms or a short (400 pages) popular biography, Bosworth has done a commendable job. As homosexist as it may sound, the short-falls of the book exist because a heterosexual woman cannot ever know what it is to be a fag in this society. I know, and I wish someone else who does would write about this beautiful and desperate

by Paul F Pearce □

#### isherwood A Biography of Christopher Isherwood

Jonathan Fryer New English Library (Dent in Canada), 1977, \$21.95

A biography of Christopher Isherwood may seem redundant. What do we need hay seem redundant. What do we need to know about Isherwood's life that he has not already told us? "With me," he has remarked, "everything starts with autobiography." His most successful novels may be loosely described as autoblographical and his non-fiction works are clearly so. But writers who re-veal themselves in their work as much as isherwood does may be precisely those writers for whom a biography is essential both as a corrective and as an instrument for charting the fine dis tinctions between life and art.

Admittadly, the distinctions bets life and art are especially fine in the case of Isherwood, whose gifts are not primarily those of Invention but of ironic observation and Introspection. The autoblographical works are experience filtered through the gauze of a fascinating, revisionist personality. And however much the narrators and char-acters of The Berlin Stories, Down There on e Visit, and A Single Man have in common with Christopher and his friends, the novels record a reality only coincidentally similar to the actual experience of the author. Valid distinctions can and should be made between life and art, and a biographer may be better equipped to draw such distinctions than the artist himself. Even the artist who declared him be a camera.

Exactly because a biography of isherwood is sorely needed, Jonathan Fryer's book is deeply disappointing.
Too much of it is an uncritical rehash of material taken directly from Isherwood's own works, although Fryer

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does make a few factual corrections in Isherwood's various accounts of his early life and he draws from interview and correspondence with persons other than his subject. But generally he faits to probe behind the masks Isherwood wore as a young man or to question any of the artist's revisionist history. The real value of the first two-thirds of Fryer's book may be its unintentio demonstration of the understated resonance of Isherwood's prose. This occurs whenever quotations from the

master stylist are juxtaposed with Fryer's own serviceable, flat rhetoric. The final third of the book is by far the most valuable. It follows Isherwood's life since his arrival in America in 1939 and provides much hitherto unavailable information. Fryer recognizes the complexity of Auden's and Isherwood's complexity of Auderi's and Isherwood's decision to leave England and he treats isherwood's conversion to Vedantism sympathetically. The accounts of Isherwood's literary friendships in Call. Isherwood's literary friendships in Call-fornia and of his romantic relationships with Denny Fouts ("Paul" in Down There
on a Visit), Bill Caskey, and Don Bachardy are all interesting, and occasionally even humorous. But ultimately they frustrate, for they lack a ately they trustrate, for they tack a sense of life. They become mainly a game of name-dropping, "the silver-chased fittings of a cottin," as Richard Howard describes another biographer effort. And in the accounts of more intimate relationships, nothing intimate is revealed. No sense of the nature of these relationships or of their impact on the participants ever emerges. Fryer's lack of insight into

isherwood's art seriously limits the value of this book. His discussion is hurried and impatient, mere peuses in the chronicle. His method: give capsule summaries of isherwood's books and collaborations, report on the critical and popular receptions they received, and then issue neat formulations of their importance in the canon. This trivializes rwood's achievement and reduces the biography to a journalistic account

Isherwood's success and failure Fryer's reluctance to delve into wood's art is either a consequence or a cause (it is impossible to determ which of his refusal to take Isherwood's homosexuality seriously. He laboriously insists, for instance, that A Single Man is not "ebout homosexuality." consistently denies the importance of homosexuality to Isherwood's work and ignores or minimizes Isherwood's awareness of gay oppression in The awareness of gay oppression in The World in the Evening, Down There on a Visit, and A Single Man. Similarly, he lails to appreciate the crucial impact of homosexuality in Isherwood's life While Fryer is not homophobic in any overt sense, his sympathy is unconsciously condescending, a sympathy which cannot perceive the radical implications of sexual freedom or the radicalizing potential of oppression

Discussing Isherwood's commitment to the gay movement, Fryer declares he has led strongly from the middle... Respectability is the Big Bertha of his arsenal." The statement reverberates with irony in light of ood's life-long struggle against conventionality.

by Cleude J Summers □

#### A Change of Perspective

The Letters of Virginia Woolf 1923-1928, Volume 3 ed. Nigel Nicolson & Joanne Trautmann Hogarth Press (Clarke Irwin in Canada), 1977, \$23.75

The third volume of Virginia Woolf's let-ters, A Change of Perspective, is even more interesting than the first two partly because, in letters that show her greater ease and assurance, Virginia Woolf wrote more about matters that Interested herself. She was still a courter in her cor respondence, a flirt. From girlhood, her need for affection, for intimate welcom had taught her how to imagine into ano ther's world, how to show the other as charming, accomplished, endlessly interesting. Her "myrlad minded innum erable curiosity about others" was in it-

self flattering, and she added an extrava gance of invention, making witty or hilar ious shapes out of fragments of news or gossip to entertain, to win the love of nds and relatives.

By the time she was forty, ho she had a firmer image of herself and more freedom to choose friends on the grounds of her own interests. She and her husband Leonard had established in the len years they had been married a rhythm and style of living thet was not only protective of Virginia's trail health but richly companionable and producti for both of them. There is amusement but also real comfort in the image Virginia made in a letter to her sister, Vanessa , "Does it strike you that we are all relderly? — elderly, accomplished, nowelderly?

successful, tooked up to?"
There are more letters in this volume about the job of writing. With the painter Jacques Raverat she mused on"... the falsity of the past (by which I mean Bennett, Galsworthy and so on)...that they adhere to a formal railway line of sentence, for its convenience, never re flecting that people don't and never did feel or think or dream for a second in that "And to Vita Sackville-West, "Style is avery simple matter, it is all rhythm Once you get that, you can't use the wrong words

Almost two hundred tetters are addressed to Vita, "a high aristocrat, daughter of Lord Sackville, daughter of "wife of Harold Nicolson, and knole," wife of Harold Nicolsoft, and novelist whose "real claim to consideration," Virginia wrote to Jacques Raverat, "is her legs. Oh they are exquisite." Their friendship included, are exquisite. Their mental in priction for a few years, a very happy love affair, not as "hot and thin" — in Virginia's words — as other affairs Vita had, but important and wholly beneficent. 'Leonard says, isn't il rather remarkable you haven't had influenza this year? I say that's Vita " It was a loving that grew in the number of pleasures and interests they shared and in the imaginative each used in support of the other. When Vita went to join her husband in Persia, Virginia wrote "I believe, at this moment, more in Teheran than in Tavis took Souare (her London address), I see you, somehow in a long coat and trougers like an Ahyssinian Empress stalking over those berren hills." Finally this imagining was developed, full scale, in Orlando, Virginia's "most elaborate love letter," a fantastic re-creation of Vita's character and life and ancestral home. In her letters of 1928, she addresses Vita sometimes as Vita nes as Orlando

somany moods and concerns. She flirted, of course. "Good night now.) am so sleepy... that I can't write, nor yet stop writing - I feel like a moth, with heavy scarlet eyes and a soft cape of dov a moth about to settle in a sweet bush would it were — ah but that's improper." She mused. "I read a bit of your poem the other night — it must be good, I think: one can break off crumbs and suck them I wonder what you'll come to, as a writer (go on falling in love and being tipsy, as a women: I like that in you.) But as a writer?" She teased, "...there's the garden of course, all a blowing: and the orchard to sit in — which you haven't got — not with pears and apples everywhere: and you haven't got a large yellow tin bath on the lawn, or a view, or a loving heart - come to think of it. For Promiscuous you are, and that's all there is to be said for you. Look in the Index to Orlando — after Pippin and see what comes next — Promiscuity passim."

Sheclaimed to be "half, or 10th, part jea lous, when I see you with the Veleries and the Marys," but there are no signs of jea-lousy, not from her or Vita or Harold or Leonard.

With Vita, Virginia showed herself in

In this volume there are also lots of long letters to Vaness letters to Vanessa, more panionable now that they are less ined with house and servant problems. Vanessa's children, growing up, had begun to correspond with their Aunt Virginia. Julian sent her his noems and plays. Quentin argued with her about sex. The warm affection she teals for and from her family, from Vita, from Leonard gives this period of Virginia Woolf's life a particular glow

by Heien W Sonthoff □

#### Rape: The Price of Coercive Sexuality Lorenne Clark & Debra Lewis The Women's Press, 1977, \$5.95

This book provides a penetrating look at nd the judicial system, and at social and economic bases for the sexual oppression of women. Beginning with the filtering process for those rape cases which are reported to police, the authors point out how social mores tend to blame the victim for the crime against her, and to reflect these attitudes in the legal process. In Metro Toronto alone, their study indicates, en 1500 and 2000 cases of sexual assault occur yearly. Of these, 200
women came forward in 1970 to report
to police. Sixty percent of these cases
were classified by police as unfounded;
resulting in an eventual eighteen convic tions, eleven for rape and seven for a lesser charge. (When all the dust has settled, the real conviction rate for rape is considered to be 1.6% on a national

The authors make it apparent that rape is one of the safest crimes to commit. It is safe because in a basically misogynist society, women are con-sidered to be nothing more than sexual fodder for predatory males. Lewis and Clark are swift to point out that punish ment of the offender by imprisonment is window dressing. It is the social, legal and economic structures which perpetuate, and endorse, the view of

women as victims The authors see the problem stemming in part from the view of women as property. The institution of monogamy ensures that control over reproduction, along with other forms of production, along with other forms of real power, remains in the hands of males. The writers' analysis would pose the necessity for women to have equal share in the realm of production, before males can possibly take control or their own bodies.

The view of women as irresponsible devious and masochistic justifies violence towards women and lends ience to the idea that males need protection from false accusations by vindictive woman. As though the burde of proof is not clear enough, a woman st convince the jury in a rape trial that not only did she not consent, but that she did not place herself in a situ-ation of risk. Rape becomes the one crime where the victim is held responsible for making an error in judgement and where her submission may be the argument for consent. This lack of legal autonomy with males speaks loudly to the refusal by patriarchal society to treat women as credible persons. They are atways too young, too "toose" or too poor to have their stories believed. is and Clark make an apt equation with the woman's respectability and status es a basis for considering a case of rape to be founded; and with social quality and youthfulness as the basis for not lending credence to women's

Their conclusion is an indictment of class society and of the rampant sexism within it.

by Gillean Chasa

#### Theatre

#### A Prayer for My Daughter

Thomas Babe The New Theatre - Toronto it is New York, July 4th, very late. Two cops bring in two suspects in the nasty murder of an old woman. On a single set the four characters explore their six relationships with all the methods of police procedure creating a formal, eve elegant, play,

All the real action, the murder of the old lady, the suicide of the detection ergeant's daughter, is offstage. We are ven no detail, no drama, only the

But for all the austerity of the staging and action Thomas Babe's play aims at realism. These are real characters in a real place. The saedy cops and tho



of A Prayer for My Daughter.

'garbage'' criminals operate in a pre cinct squad-room rendered with careful exactness by set designer Shawn Kerwin. It is the literal realisation of the play's simple symmetries that give it, especially in the second act, its density and power

e play is concerned with the relations of men and women. Babe alleges an incapacity of men to respond to women and their complicity in the real and metaphorical destruction of 'daughters". Babe aims to give this theme extra cutting power by making Simon, the older of the suspects, a homosexual. A number of effects are achieved by this device. Simon is made to say, "Officer, there is a woman inside me" — a woman he hates and wants to kill. The younger suspect, Jimmy, calls himself Simon's "daughter" and, we gather, has turned to homosexuality after his child is born a girl, rather than the son he wanted. When Jimmy final and wrongly, is charged with the murde it is as if the "men" around him have no option but to sacrifice him as the closest thing to a daughter to be had at that time of night.

Homosexuality is presented in the play merely as a vehicle for the characters to express their halred of women The ugly stur on gay men implied by this use of homosexuality is familiar. It is a naive and dangerous cliché creating political tensions out of cheap psychologizing.

But the failure to present the audience with flesh-and-blood homosexuality is not just a political problem, it is an artistic failure that jeopardizes the entire enterprise. Babe reveals a poverty of observation and imagination in dealing with the pivotal issues of his work.

The Toronto production unfortunately does not rescue A Prayer from its difficulties, despite spirited acting by Geoffrey Bowes as Jimmy, a nice set and clear, if rether leaden, directing by Martin Kinch, Louis Negin as Simon is unable to convey the mystic power tha apparently enchants the younger man, ver that and one never feels the kind of tension between the characters that might mak the moments of sympathy and intimacy incing. cor

The sexuality of the characters is never real, and as a consequence the delicate balance of formalism and literalism collapses. This is a pity because there is a lot about the play that is interesting and serious.

by David Mole 🗆

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#### Lesbian Small Press Books

The number of lesbian publications connues to grow, the pile of review copies on my desk daily becomes thicker and deoper Lesbianism is alive and well, south of the border at least. Canada (aals) still reverberates with an unhealthy silence with respect to the publication of small press lesbian books. They're rare. They're considered a poor risk by publishers. The few which are published are usually ignored by review.

stories
Don't ignore M onica Holden
Lawrence's experimental novel Mad
About the Cray Lady (1977. Air Press,
PO Box 48888, Station Bentall, Vancouver, VTX 146 & 4369) which is yes!)
Canadien and good! It's excitting material both Internatically and stylistically,
It's not for the literal-minded. It's not a
realist's dream, a straightforward love
story, or a story about coming out, nor is
tabout aging, or rotting away in terrible
relationship. These themes are
suggested in Holden-Lawrence's novel,
but they aren't central. If anything, the
potentially realistic scenes are treated
humourously. The characters in the bar
are butch-fermer stereotypes.

caricature meant to be seen fronically. Their fantsiss are depicted with energy and will. The crazy ledy allows Holden-Lawrence to lanalizate for almost 150 pages. The writer's purpose is to innovate, to adopt multiple perspectives, to perform we obtained injuristic feats when the second in the person we obtained injuristic feats when the second in t

Marianne Hauser's novel, The Tailing Room (1976. The Fiction Collective, c/o The English Dept, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY 11210, \$3.95) is also innovative, in portraying a lesbian relationship from the point of view of



Chocolate Waters

the hirteen-year-old daughter of one of the lessbans. It's a well-written noval; the state of the lessbans is a well-written noval; the state of the lessbans is a well-written noval; the state of the lessband is a well-written of the novel is given over to her identify quest; is she or is she not a test tube baby? The remainder is concerned with her adolescent traumas, and the relationship between her romanic and alcoholic mother, and her romanic and alcoholic mother, and her romanic and alcoholic mother, and the relationship between the romanic and alcoholic mother, and the romanic and alcoholic movel is a pre-liberation attair, rather remainis-control Qiuna Barnes' famous Robin-control proverty, and alcoholism. The reveil is set in the slums of New York, some-where down by the docks. The coujei flight, separate, and get back together

and cynical at thirteen. Some, I suppose would call this realism. I find it a jaced portrait of lesbianism. It is definitely not an untenable perspective, but a bleak

an unfenable perspective, our a preax and dated one, nonetheless and dated one, nonetheless (control of the perspective) and perspective p

we are trees together sleeping exhaling shadows

exhaling shadows jelled into cupped silence;

our fluting has impassioned cows by moonlight, banana slugs have lusted for our fingers, we have gathered green stone from an ocean clift.

if shattered into white toam and there were toads in the mulfled weeks of tog.

There's also an incredible poetic story about two adolescent lesbians discovering their love for each other. Called "Rachel and Eurekie," It is sensitive beyond belief. It's one of the rare love stories about adolescents which actually manages to capture the passionate intimacy of teen-age girls, capture their sense of innocence and delight delicately enough. A very feeling book.

Jacqueline Lapidus' lirst book, Ready to Survive (1975, also from Hanging Loose, \$1.50) contains no everily testina poems, although i'm told the author has, since 1975, been a leablian reminist poet. This first collection contains a brilliant dramatic poet called the survivers of the second su

The two books from Elen Bass. Hatti.
August 13-28 (1977. Milt Creek Press,
August 13-28 (1977. Milt Creek Press,
35513 Sixth Street, Union Levent Of
Separateness and Merging (1977.
Autumn Press, 7 Littel Road, Brookline,
MA 02146, S4.50) contain fine womanpoers, but for ne could never be considered lesblan books. The Cella poems
in Of Separateness and Merging are a
close approximation to lesblanism, but
that's all. Basis' craftmanship is noteworthy, but never, no, never lesblan
poems. Despite her letter claiming a
spiritual kinship, it seems her husband
comes first!

Consider Maries To Consider Maries To The Marin Reporter from the Deriver Fost (1975, Irom Women in Cletribution, Box 1859, Mashington OC, 20003, 2575 + postage) and Take Me Like a Photograph (1977, Eggplant Press, PO Box 1864, Denwer, CO 80218, 34.00 + postage) if you want some strong lesbian-feminist poetry. The Illiepoem of the Postagon State Office of the Postagon State of the Postagon Sta

sometimes aphoristic:
(1) BEING A POET
is like opening a car door
& exposing yourself
(2) BEING A GOOD POET
is like opening the door
& exposing the passenger

The second book is definitely an improvement over the first. The poems are much more controlled, technically more competent. The book has been edited much more throughly. The range of material is better, there are more stanzaic variations, evidence of experimentation. Both books are militant in spirit — fortunately no changes in this respect. It is not always great poetry, but great ferminat polemic. We need more from her!

by Judith Crewe

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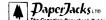
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#### Small Press Books

It's a risky task for a novelist to a it's a risky task for a novelist to attempt a convincing portrayal of a creative artist. Making one's hero, or a major character, a writer or painter and trying to get the reader to believe that he or she actually is a good artist and not site actually is a good artist and not simply an insufferable poseur is no easy thing. Lawrence Durrall did it with the novellst Pursawarden in The Alexandrie Quartet, Joyce Carey in The Horse's Mouth and Colin Wilson in Adrilt in Soho created balleyable depictions of talented painters. The main characte talented painters. The main character of Eddle Suckle's novel end thats all (\$6.50 paper, \$11.50 cloth; Air Press, PO Box 48688 Stn Bentall, Vancouver, BC V7X 1A6) unfortunately can't be included in this vivid company.
Billy Crossit, a (literally) white-haired

boy, is an ex-hustler and sailor who as a university lecturer and occomes a university lecturer and Pullizer Prize-winning novelist and his affairs with a number of callow youths and friendships with various men and women, all of them tedlous. The novel rambles on without any particular focus, and without the separate scenes being arresting enough in themselves to make up for the overall lack of direction. In

Sucke should at least have kno better than to avoid the device of ahowing us some of his genius' writing, in the form of a number of jokey poems of numbing fatulty. The Pulitzer committee has made some dublous choices over the years, but it has never sunk this

and thats all

a novel by

eddie suckle

Anumber of scenes in the book ring

completely false; a couple of rude phone calls to Billy from NAACP and an

anti-war committee (both of which we are led to believe the otherwise self-centred Billy has generously offered to help) depict both organizations as dis-

playing a beiligerent boorishness that would have allenated even their most

ardent sympathisers.
At the end of the book, Billy and his

friends are heading for Paris, and a sequel is apparently forthcoming. Per-

Daniel Curzon's collection of short stories, The Revolt of the Perverts

(Leland Mellott Books, 882 14th St, San Francisco, CA 94114) is a bitter book, neglecting aimost entiraly the effec-tions and solidarities of entirely ns and solidarities of gays, and be

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human kind, Curzon is not gitted with a deff style or an acute eye, or ear, for detail. All his stories are morality fables,

detail. All his stortes are morality fables, and the moralits laways squalid. After a while, this relentless and heavy-handed attack begins to seem not only bitter but morbid and sour.

Arumber of the stories give the impression of having been written solely to illustrate (sometimes rather obviously) illustrate (sometimes rather obviously) discrete from the fail of the stories of the stories of the concern for the fail off, with this concern for the fail off, with this concern for the fail off, and the stories of the stories

Curzon's preoccupation with physical infilmity and deformity works its way into a number of these stories. "Pity", for example, is a savagely effective piece about a gay man with cerebral pelsy, who, after slowly, painstakingly, making his way to a steambath (eccompanied by expressions of mixed pity and disgust from the passers-by) is the turned away so as not to offend the delicate sensibilities of the patrons al-

bentcare sensibilities of the patrons al-ready engaging one another inside. There are two distinctly superior pleces in the collection. "Hatred" is about a young, covertly gay novellst and his literary mentor, "the Fermale Faulk-ner of the North", and the building resentment the young writer feels resentment the young writer feels toward the prissy, self-absorbed woman he has edmired but who now fuels his anger with every remark about "per-

werts:
"Virility" deals with a US serviceman
in Thallend, sexually attracted to a fel-low soldler who enjoys dropping bombs and refers to Aslans as "etope animals".
The militarist is rather a caricaturs, and this diminishes the plausibility of the story, but even so, it effectively makes its disturbing point.

Most non-gay readers would probably be uninterested or offended by The Revolt of the Perverts. Many gays, too, will find the unpleasantness of most of the characters and situations hard to take. But two or three of the stories, at least, should cartainly be read, and book is very reasonably priced at \$3.50. Frederick Morey's The Human Form

ivine (\$5, Higginson Journal, 4508 38 St, Brentwood, MD 20722) is an attempt to join the circumstances of ageing with religious celebration and the rituals of an unashamedly masochistic sexuality. Both the poems here and the appended essays on sexuality, religious writing (including hymns and the stages of life, are unyieldingly frank, but the bald details they offer of various S/M prac-tices are too removed from an erotic or emotional context, and too clumsily handled, to be anything other than embarrassing (and, of course, to the un-initiated, shocking).

Morey clearly wishes to be entirely honest about his own spiritual and sexual Interests, but he has not ver found a suitable form to express his disries. While admirable in intention, The Human Form Divine can only be dessed as a bizarre curlosity

The current Issue of Little Caesar is a special "Rimbaud" issue, with poems, special 'Himbaud' issue, with poem translations and carloons on the boy poet, an account by editor Dennis Cooper of a visit to the Rimbaud museum in Charleville, and other goodles. The contributors include Brian Hill, Kirby Congdon, Gerard Malanga, and Toronto cartoonist Caz. \$1.50 from the editor, 3373 Overland Ave, Apt 2, Los Angeles, CA 90034

iral nastiness of gays and straights alike. Unlike, sey, Hubert Selby, Jr, a writer with an equally jaundiced view of





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On May 15 "Canada's Newsmagazine Maclean's, made a foray into the metropolitan life, showing its readers that gays are in the forefront of what's chic gays are in the forefront of what's chic and frendy. As they tell us in the Drama section, "the Lindsay Kemp Company... is the hottest show in town," providing Tomoto audiences with "an immersion course in homosexual sensibility." This sarcibility (whatever it is), says Maclean's, "has never been prasented with such force and skill" in Toronto.

In a Lifestyles Closeup, Maclean's did "Every Night Fever" or "the adult Disney World," Studio 54 of course. Owner Steve Rubell told M Disco people are lun people.

At Studio 54 the big question is: will you get in? "Acceptance at Studio 54 is ount to the ritual anointment that accompanies a coronation." says Inat accompanies a coronation," says Medean's writer Rita Christopher. "Gays either singly or in couples are favoured." "They add something to the mix," concludes Rubell.

How about some news on pay life.

SOS. The family is in trouble. It look Newsweek 18 pages in its story,
"Saving the Family" to tell readers the
problems and what's to be done (May

No, don't run for cover. The "gay threat to the family" wasn't mentioned once. Gays aren't the scapegoal here. This time it's everything from express-ways to income tax policies that are buffeting the family in the economicallytroubled seventies.

For those interested in studying the family's place in the picture of things there are some useful statistics. Otherwise, for those who don't fit in, the article is composed of dreary little vig-nettes of Mom, Dad and the kids.

Writing in the May Harper's, New York Times editor Roger Starr gave a good journalistic account of transsexual sur gery and its recent increase as a means of solving gender identity problems. Starr's bias against the kind of surgery is clear through most of the piece, though he fairly gives opinions for and

Starr is concerned that transsexual surgeons have not fully studied the im-plications of their work and opposes the breezy way they justify tampering with the sexual organs and hormonal structhe sexual organs and hormonal struc-ture of a human body. He quotes trans-sexual expert Dr John Money on recent male-to-female transsexual Renee Richards: "For all intents and purposes Dr Richards functions as a woman; that is, her internal sax organs resemble those of a female who has been hyster-ectomized and ovariectomized...".

Coming. In the September issue of Coming. In the September issue or Canadian Forum, an article by Michael Lynch on the raid on The Body Politic officas. On CITY-TV the week of June 19, a series of programs entitled "Other Arrangements," at 2:30 PM. On the tirst program, Monday, June 19, Getting Sex author John Lee talks to host Micki author John Lee talks to nost mioni Moore. Tuesday's program features a lookat changing attitudes towards les-blarism in "Women who love women". Topics of discussion for the following three programs: Sex Roles, "Swinging" and Open Marriage.

Weep for Anita: the May 2 issue of Us tells us of a struggling artist staggering against the ropes of penury. It's those gays, says reporter Carl Hlaasen, who have badgered God's lady so mercilessly that her "hlo-paying performance bookings" have dropped 90 per cent.

The financial strain has been so s ere, says husband-manager Bob Green, that the backup orchestra which accompanies Bryant on the Cecil Todd Revive America Crusade has been out back. and the family is considering selling its 27-room bayside home in Miami Beach.

Us, a biweekly rip-off of People, is as usual short on facts and long on blandishment. The magazine dotes on martyrs, disdains any effort to uncover a story. Bruce Voeiller of the National Gay Task Force is allowed a few words of rebuttal, but there's no time for philosophy. Money is what the talk is about; a cut in income is a worse fate than death.

Who can be seen strolling in Santa Monica Ocean Park on the arm of attrac-tive Melodie Johnson? Surely not John Rechy? But it is, of course, in a photo Illustrating a brief feature about the niotrating a brief teature about the notorious sexual outlaw in the May 22 People Weekly. Rechy, along with most of the other "People", get a good bit less than a page of copy in this magazine, best suited to a glanca in a

magazine, pest sorted to a grant supermarket line.

He manages to imply that Anite
Bryant is the leading edge of fascism,

which is politic though hardly true, and that his new book *The Sexual Outlaw* is mostly about himself, which is true though hardly politic.

Straight reviewers with a left blas — and who else would write for the May 6 issue of The Netion — know they should like the film Word is Out, but they aren't sure why. Robert Hatch thinks the men and women whose view were recorded in the documentary are bright and witty and sincere, so they must be okay: but isn't it e shame that all they talk about are their scars, and oppression, and sexuality?

Hetch would have preferred a film less obsessed with woes, as a sound method to "adjust" the straight world to the gay world — happy talk rather than anguish. The pain might be real, he admits, but does there have to be so

much of It? Hatch also sees a bright new day he's the optimistic sort - for gave in film. Just as the blacks stopped being Negro menials and became real char-acters who were, incidentally, black, he believes homosexuals are no longer displayed to be sneered at. He has missed several films in the year past: Norman, is That You? and The Choirboys and Coach and Goodbye Girl and Looking for Mr Goodbar. And more.

Columnist John Simon is a queer hater posing (April 25 in Esquire) as a proposing (April 25 in Esquire) as a pro-tector and preserver of proper English usage. Simon informs us that "language...does not belong to the il-ilierate or to bodies of people forming tendentious and propagandistic interest groups." (That's us). He drones on at length about the "wanton and shocking destruction of the good and necessary English word gay

English word 'gay'."
After explaining to his readers how desperately wrong it is to use gay as the homosexual adjective and worse yet as a noun, Simon sums up with this drivet. "Be it noted that many, if not most, civilized homosexuals rejues to call themselves or others gay."







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#### Heroes

The initials below are invented only to protect heroes who would be uncom-

fortable as Heroes. L and F, Lesblans, live together in the and of town that most Lesblans and Gay men get out of as scon as they can were both born there, have nev lived anywhera else, have been together more than two decades now, and it looks as if they will live there forever, A neighbour, in a place where your neighbours usually know things, whether correct or not: "Sure we know they're - like that. Everybody always

They build houses, that's their trade. No one gives them any trouble. "They're big, you know, they're real big women." Restless, B went to his corner milk-

store to pick up a copy of Playgiri. The reck was empty. B asked the cashler li any other copies were available. The cashier smiled (learned?) wife?

"No, it's for me, I like it The cashler, in whose life there are

not that many events, watches B
closely now when he comes in for milk.
W, 55-60 years old, distinguished
looking, cruises the public beths where I swim. He sits in the locker room for hours with or without a towel around him, his legs crossed, a picture of decorum. Or he showers, at length, getting rather pink. He smiles pleas antly at a variety of men, speaks to them in an easy friendly way, often complimenting them. To a man on the scales: how does it look?

"I guess I'm over, about 15 pounds." "Are you sure? You don't look that

way to me."
Some ignore him, some return a smile but no words, some look estentatiously offended. I've never stayed long enough to see what sort of return he gets on h investment. The other day a friend of mine overheard an employee at the baths talking about "those perverts, they shouldn't be allowed in here with the kids." The woman speaking was, in surprisingly, reading the Toronto Sun. W continues to cruise, gracefully. Our enemies hide behind their instiaking was, not

tutions and their laws, the armour of authority — real or imagined, legitimate and illegitimate. A bigot alone, left to his/her own devices is a bitter, frustrated nonentity, a neblsch (can a Wasp get away with using such a luscious Yiddish word?). But a bigot becomes a threat behind a priest's robes, behind a police gun, a typewriter, television camera, judge's bench or edministra-tor's desk. The threat becomes an ac danger when organized into a police force, newspaper, church, television network, school, psychiatric institution, corporation or government. Is "bricks against tanks" too vivid an image?

C made her first protest phone call the other day. She did it in two pa First, after seeing The Killing of Sister George on a local TV station, she celle the program director to say the movie was a "revolting mess" that insuited women and Lesblans. She said she knew it because she was both and doubly enraged, C, who had never said doubly enraged. C, who had never said to a stranger before that she was a Lesblan, refused to give her name. About twenty minutes later she called back to tell them her name "so they ouldn't ignore the call."

R continues to rasist the New Macho Look, You've seen it, you can't miss it: facial hair (on men), shorter haircuts, bigger muscles if it kills me, rigid joints (physiologically speaking), deeper voices (didn't Mario Lanza get throat ancer by forcing his voice down?), enim, leather, plaid shirts, boots, etc. A resists all this at considerable cost because the more alike the rest of us look the more unlike he looks. He's a flutter of soft curls (his own), scarves, colours, bits of things that catch in the light, liquid movements the classic Greeks had the good sense and taste to admire in their men. On the street, at work or in a Gay bar, many would say R is out of his tree. Better to say he's far. far out on his limb

T truly doesn't like crowds. In her rural growing-up, after she knew she wasn't going to be a lady but before she knew she'd have to fight not to be one, she took long hikes alone in the bush, carrying tent, sleeping bag, food, hatchet and so on. This woman is afraid to read her poetry, some of it striking and moving, to more than one or two people she knows well, Unfortunately for her, this woman is also good with crowds, so she keeps ending up in front of them, either unruly predo heterosexual crowds with the usual percentage of bigots and intimidated potential allies, or unruly predominantly. Lesbian and Gay crowds with the usual range of political wills. She's patient, angry, careful, provocative, funny, ru supportive, scornful, determined. The performence costs her, among other things, a very urban ulcer whose bite varies with the size and mood of the

Jis an enthusiastic and inventive photographer who wilfully breaks (or simply won't learn) most of the accepted rules. He belongs to a photographers' association, to which the members regularly submit samples of their work for other members' comments. The comments on the other photographers' work are all about com-position, tone, light and colour. The comments that come back to J with enervating consistency refer to the number of male subjects in "odd positions." And the president of the essociation threatened to throw him out If he didn't clean up his curriculum vitae, that is, the Gay liberation acti-vities therein. He's fought the president ial bigot to a standstill on that one. Some hobby.

The Gay Alliance Toward Equality (Toronto) received a letter from N, a passionate plea for help. "I'm a homo passionate pies or nelp. "I'm nomo-sexual and i've been cursed by a coven of witches. They say if I don't become heterosexual they'il destroy me. But i won't change. Please, can you do any-thing?" Alas, what could GATE do? Aren't we all in the same position, more

Week after week P's male therapist told her in an Infinity of ways — he it to because she couldn't or wouldn't understand — that it wasn't actually bed to be a Lesbian, it wasn't exactly sinful or particularly sick anymore, b since she was sure to be thoroughly unhappy wouldn't it be more convenient she could just learn to relax with men. 'We aren't so bad, you know

There's a technique, it's called desensitization. It doesn't hurt a bit. P knew very few people, and all of them were heterosexual, or said they were. None of them knew she was in therapy, except her parents who peid the bills gledly. One Thursday in the middle of her session P stood quite suddenly, d nothing, walked out and never said nothing, walked out and never came beck. It asys in her file "Therapy failed." She still knows very few people, feels lonely and afraid much of the time but about a month ago ale lifted a copy of Rubyfruit Jungle from the public library. She'll reum it; she waan't ready to use her card.

by Michael Ric June/July 1978

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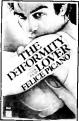
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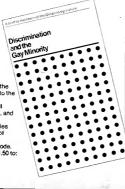
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#### Coming out... at seventeen

Silence. Shhhh. Pupils' eyes like carnera focus on teacher and discussion

uns. "Can homosexuals have children?" Boys giggle, tease: "Hey, how come re gotta talk about faggots?"

"Let's learn about regular screws." Tescher shakes head: "Shhh, I think it's important to know about different it's important to know about different kinds of sex. Not everybody is the same. Well, class, what answers did you come up with in your groups?" "I think it's OK. There's these two

guys and they're gay, but...."
"Oueers are cool so long as they're

I sit still. My mind is filled with lumping jellybeans.

Am I a woman faggot? Or a queeress? I do not know. I cannot know

I am. I am a woman. I may be a lez-blan. Me? A lezzbian? NO!!

In the change room in gym class There was Sandy, my close friend and ent heart murmur. Strong muscular legs draw tight while swimming. Wisps of blond caress widow's peak. Her eyas meet mine. "Shh... You do not feel, You cannot feel," she whispers. "It is simply not allowed."

Tan shun — lez blan? Sandy runs quickly and undresses in a cubicle. Only clothes thrown hastily appear on floor. Hidden body, ellent

I rant, rave, scream. Adolescent angecommands ma. My enemy, Frank the faggot, child care worker in group home. Tall, dominating, authority figure.

Con/fron/tae/shun.
"I like you not."

"lilke you not. I like you not."
Guardian of house, oftice, ratrigerator
supplies — and sometime father.
"YOU FUCKING HOMOSEXUAL," I
yell. "YOU BASTARO."
"Gisturbéd youth;" logether we laugh
at worker and lover. "Happy Birthday,
Dear Queers. Happy Birthday, Oueer

Hah! Hah! Hah!

Neighbourhood girlfriend plays ball, laughs and "a gay time was had by all." My friend asks, "Do lezzies live in this house?"

Sally, another worker, answers, What do you mean?

"Oh, here, I sae lotsa girts smooching."

"But are loving women always

Silence of a dreaded kind. The answer wilts like a flower in lete autumn;

My friend bends her head and dashes

"Evelyn, when are you going to meet a Nice Jewish Boy? Eh? You'll never get one the way you talk to your parents. You'll have to dress nice, be neat and presentable. Which boy wants to marry a girl who doesn't take care of herself? All you wear is leans. What kind of All you wear is jeens. What kind of example are you giving your sisters?! don't want them to be like you. You'll just be tall and good for nothing. Don't you realize you'll never get a boyfriend... I quietly say, "Goodnight, mother," and hang up the telephone.

My world is Diane, grade twelve Latin teacher. I survive on adequate doses of the lifth declansion and teaspoontuls of

wried verb forms.

Amo, Amare — to Iova.

Diana is more than ancient history, she is present poetry. She lifts weight and wipes away tears. Her volce has definite intonations but it steadily commends. She expects academic excellence and shares hers with me

Diana, my best friend. My world of primal aches and pains is hers for a primat aches and pains is ners for a moment. She helps me close the door gently. I bring her a birthday card, small and simple. My stomach squeats, shakes, screams loudly. The "runnles" race, pece, utterly disgrace me.
I leave the envelope at her dask and

cry sliently in the washroon

by Evelyn Lilith Sapphaelle 🗆 Evelyn Lillith Sapphaella is a nineteen-year-old student et Jarvis Collegiete end year-old student at Jarvis consystee .... SEED in Toronto. Presently trying to organize young lesbiens, Evelyn is also an active member of Women Against an active Women (WAVAW) and ience Against Women (WAVAW) and the Lesbian Organization of Toronto



#### Proselytizing...

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- That he wear while on duty a shirt T-shirt or sleeveless shirt to distin-That he wear write or duty a sint —
  T-shirt or steeveless shirt to distinguish him from the swimmers.
  That he not shower with the students
  That he not swim with the students.
- That he leave the door from the in-structor's office into the boys' dressing room open while supervising the boys in the dressing room
- 6. That he not discuss his lifesty the students — social or political.

  That he not eat lunch or meet with the students in the ravine during lunch
- That he avoid socializing with stu-dents outside of school hours. The memo ended with a thinly veiled threat: "I hope you will conclude from the discussion we had in the Area Superintendent's office that your actions may prove to render your services as a lifequard ineffective in the

John signed that memo. But only on the condition that the principal sign a letter he wrote, and that both documents be on file with the Toronto

His letter, dated November 18, is an eloquent document. In it he agreed to abide by the new rules set down by the principal — except for the last three. He wanted to keep his job, but those re-strictions seemed to him to be a demand "that I not only hide within a sexual closet in order to remain at the school, but that I should exist in an underground beyond human interaction. To submerge my personality and by life experiences... robs me of an essential human characteristic of learning from and enjoying others by relating one

other's experiences."

And then he said it. "Proselytization is the issue. You object to my identification as gay before the students. Quite flon as gay before the students. Quite reasonably, you say you have no objec-tion to my sexual orientation as long as i function effectively in my work. Yet un-reasonably... you do object to the students being aware of my sexual orientation. What is the problem? "The subject of homosexuality areas... In subject of homosexuality...

arose... In a uninformed and bigoted conversation among students about bashing queers' and 'throwing eggs at faggots.' I would consider myself irre-sponsible to allow such cant to go unanswered. You suggest... I should not identify myself as gay, but speak in the third person.....! suggest that such a re ponse...would be interpreted as empty ponse...would be interpreted as empt moralizing that would not encourage

the students to question seriously the impressions they have."

Shaver signed the letter. John was still on the job. And the Speedo racing suit was traded in for jogging shorts and a T-shirt which prompted one student to note, "Wouldn't II be harder to swim if you had to save someone?"
Word gets around, When John

appeared in his next class wearing shorts and a T-shirt with "Paragon" printed on it, he was greeted with a burst of applause. "There were a lot of burst of applause. "There were a lot of unmours around that he was going to be fired because he was gay," I was fold by Sally Baker, 14, and one of John's students. "But to me he was a really good leacher — he knew what he was doing and he did what he was supposed to do. Gay people don't treak me out — John wash't but further exceptions."

wasn't the first one 'twe met."
February. "By then, things were gating uncomfortable," John told me. "I was getting really close to the students and some of the other teachers." weren't too happy about it. But I think that closeness was important. Two girls confided to me that they'd been raped when they were 10 — it was a horrible experience and they needed to talk about it. I felt I had a good, close working relationship with my classes. But one of the other teachers told me 'you know, people are wondering exactly what kind of relationship you have with your students.'"

have with your students, "On April 28, the day after John's firing, W E Shaver wrote to Mr B G DeGraal, Assistant Superintendent, Pesonnet Department, Toronto Board of Education." In the past few months the relationships between Mr Argue and the swim teachers has been very June/July 1978



strained. One teacher in perticular has found it very difficult to work with Mr Argue." He also noted that John had been found unacceptable in "attitude, and to the first that the strain to the strain to the strain that in the strain that initiative, co-operation, flexibility, and occupational competence."

Quite an indictment "It's true " John ys, "that there was some strain be-reen me and one of the other teachers. Ms Mills was a strict authoritarian figure n the class, and I was not. We had different styles — the kids called her 'General Mills', and that pretty much sums up how she approached her teaching job. Those differences might have been a source of tension, but they didn't affect the job we were doing, and i got along fine with the two other physical staff members."

On May 17, John appeared before the Parsonnel and Organization Committee of the Toronto Board of Education. Mr DeGraaf and Mr Snell appeared on behalf of the school administration — they argued that John had been fired on grounds of incompetence, that he did not exart authority, he could not control the class, that he was setting himself up as an alternative to the other teachers, that he was not properly concerned with the safety of his students. John took the floor.

"I think all of the reasons you have eard are excuses. I want to talk about

what I think is the real reason for my firing. Then I'll deal with the excuses. He talked about being gay. About sing open about it with the students.

being open about it with the students, About never hiding. He passed around caples of the principal's memo of knowmber 3, and his reply. And he faced Nevember 3, and his reply. And he faced He had to leave while the committee debeted in private for enother half hour. At the and of that time, he was informed that the firing had been overturned. "I personally feit his gayness was the area reason behind the dismissal," said Shiela Heagher, Board Member for Shiela Heagher, Board Member for meeting. "Dut I is the kind of this to eting, "but it's the kind of thing that's almost unproveable. Do the other hand, there was the administration expecting us to believe that suddenly, after 4 years of excellent work, he had become incompetent.

"When we voted, there was a good majority in John's favour. I think what impressed everyone was the clear forthright, honest way he handled him-

John agreed to resign from Glenview effective that day — he felt it would be impossible to continue working there under the circumstances. He would be paid in full for the period between the firing and his resignation, and the Board agreed that all insulting aspersions made by the principal would be removed from his record. They agreed furthe that the events would not affect his chances at getting on with another

He now has a letter informing him

that he has "been hired to the staff of the Summer Swim Program." It's sign by John Michaluk, Co-Director, Summ Swim Program Im Program

It's a good precedent. The Toronto is a good precedent. The forents board of Education has overturned a decision to fire an employee who is open about being gay. Qf course, that is not the official reason for the firing. And we can all make up our own minds as to what constitutes incompetence.

Menno Varster, president of the Toronto Teachers' Federation, told TBP that the Board's action was "very uncommon -- a real slap in the face to the principal. I think it was quite clear that Mr Argue was getting some pretty rough treatment, Since he's not a her, and therefore not a member of the federation, we couldn't come to his defence. But I can tell you that the Toronto Teachers' Federation would come to the defence of any teacher who

was fired for being gay."

For John, it's the end of a period of tension and uncertainty. But it's more, it's been an affirmation of some deepseated beliefs about our system, and

the way gay people have to act in it.
"I think it's clear from what happened that it's not so much gay people in the schools that bothers some people. What really gets them is honest gay people — gay people who are open about what they are and are willing to talk honestly about it. And willing to fight openly to stay that way, I don't think I would have meda it if I had back tracked or equivocated about my sexual orientation. They would have smelled a rat. Anyway i try to be an honest teacher and i try to be honest with my students.

and I try to be honest with my students. "I'm gay and thay should know it. It'll open their minds, get rid of some pretty awful stereotypes." Shortly after John was fired, one of the teachers at Glanview Public School was having a lot of trouble controlling her class. They ware sullen and acting up and they kept bursting out with the tune of the latest hit single, "Rock Me." Only they'd changed the words. They were singing "We want Argue."



#### Gays join workers in May Day celebrations

For the first time in several years, an organized gay contlingent participated in the massive May Day demonstrations

Just four days before the demon Just four days before the demonstrations, the monthly general assembly of the Association pour les Droits des Gallels du Québec (ADGQ) voted to call for a gay contingent in the action. As a result, about 25 men and women marched behind a benner declaring: "Homosexual workers! May 1st is our celebration too!"

celetration too!
The crowd, estimated at over 10,000, braved inclement weather to weave its way through the working class area of east-end Montreal to raffy at the Paul Sauve Arena

jointly organized by the Contédération des Syndicets Nationaux (GSN — Con-federation of National Trade Unions) and the Centrale de l'Enseignement du Québec (CED — Quebec Teachers' redaration). The gay contingent was organized by ADGQ in recognition of the fact that on many occasions Quebec unions, and especially the Quebec Teachers' Federation have supported

leadings rederation have supported the gay movement.
May Day, the international worker's holiday, is rooted in the struggles of the labour movement for better working labour movement for better working conditions and the right to organize unions. The holiday dates from May 1, 1886 when e general strike broke out in more than 5000 plants across the US. Workers were demanding the eight-hour day and the right to collective bergain-ing. At the McCormic Harvaster plant in Chicago, the police broke the workers' picket-line and opened fire on the strikers killing six and seriously injuring about 50. The following workers gathered in Haymarket Square in Chicago to protest the slaughter of their co-workers. A bomb exploded in the renks of the police, and the union leaders were arrested and subsequently hung. Since that time, May 1st has been cele-brated annually by millions of workers vorld over.

The gay contingent in this year's Montreal May Day demonstrations was perhaps the only gay contingent in any May Day celebration in this country.

"May Day should be a time when gay workers in Quebec and Canada march in the streets as gay and lesbian workers in solidarity with the entire worker's movement," declared ADGQ member Ron Dayman.

by Stuart Russell -

#### New Socred leader opposes gay rights

Lorne Reznowski, elected federal lead of the Social Credit Party May 14, has wowed to resurrect the family as a foundation of Canadian life, and to stamp out homosexuals, abortionists and unscrupulous bankers. The Social Credit Party is located on the extreme right of the Canadian political spectrum d elected 10 members in the la federal election.

A University of Manitoba professor of ledieval Literature, Reznowski seld in a Medieval Literature, Reznowski seld in it May 14 interview with the Toronto Star, "I have the greatest compassion for hospital serious psychological disorder. And you don't cure something by legalsing it." In British Columbia, provincial Human Resources Minister Bill Vender Zalm knows as a publishe servership.

Zalm, known as a political neanderthal

In the state of the state of the state of the spending culbecks in welfare and women's programs, has said he agrees with Reznowski's comments. Vancouver Gay Alliance Toward Equality (GATE) has called upon r Bannett to dismiss Vander Zalm. GATE spokesperson Rob Joyce, characterizing the statement as "intol-erable," said Bennett should "indicate to homosexuals that his government does not approve of, nor does it intend a pogrom against gay persons in British

There has been no response from th

by Robin Hardy Body Politic/27

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#### Where homos are no-no's in old T.O.

Gay people in Toronto have no way of knowing whether a straight club will bounce them off the dance floor, or allow them to kick up their wedglas in peace, according to a recent TBP survey.

The Informal survey was conducted after TBP received a stetler from a woman complaining of mistreatment at the Royal York's Imperial Room, Toronto's poshest nitectlub. After a performance green by Elia Fitzgerald, the lettle writer dance. Almost Immediately, the woman reported, a walter grabbed them and forced them off the dance floor with the words, "That kind of thing is not done in the Imperial Room." When TBP contacted the manager, it was took there acknowledged to the popular and the same dancing. No reasons were given for the policy.

several other nitectubs have similar policies. Fingers, a trendy Yorkville dinner / dancing club, allows only male-female couples to dance. Dancing elone, or with a member of the same sex is

temale ocupies to dance, Dancing sions, or with a member of the same sex is forbidden. Owner's policy. La Tube, a traight disco located around the comer from one of Toronto's most popular gay discos, The Manatee, allows women to dance together but not men. Said the manager, "It probably is seme. Said the manager," It probably is don't particularly like men claimed guard don't particularly like men claimed guard con't particularly like men claimed guard control of the co

The Nicklodeon, a popular Yonge St. macho hot spot, has an eight-year-old policy forbidding same-sax dancing. When pressed to give reasons, management said, "The guys come here because the girts er here, and if the girts are dancing together there's no one for the guys to dance with...Some of my best friends are gay, we just don't want them

here."
The Pretzel Bell Tavern refused to make any comment whatsoever, and hungup. In September of 1971, thirdeen members of Toronto Gay Actlon, a now defunct civil rights group, were dragged and kicked from the danceticor at the fortest Palit.

TBP discovered that some of the raunchierrock n'roll spots clalim a'no holds berred' attitude to dancing. Management at the EI Mocambo said that they have no niles. "You can dance by yourself as far as we're concerned, You don't have to worry about It." The Horseshee Tavern also has no policy against same-sex dancing.

Hotspurs, formerly The Generator, another popular dining/dancing club, also allows any sexual combo a chance to dorace. However, management does worry about the possibility of violent homophotic reaction, particularly when two men dance together. Even the steid and opulent Victoria Room at the king Edward Hotel allows homo hoofers, and apparently laddle (i) dance together there all the time. Ports, a popular dinner-disco for the trendy junior stocktorice crowd is unconcerned about lag fandangos: in the words of one manager, "Vidon't give a shit who you dance with as longes you buy drinks at the bar."

A word of warning to readers who may want to put the aforementioned to a terpsichorean test; policy does not always coincide with reality. If a club trips up warrlight testestic. — Jet us know

# Judge agrees oral/anal sex abnormal — even for hets

A Supreme Court of Ontario judge, nilling in a divorce and child custody case, has decided that oral sex and infrequent "sodomy" by consenting married heterosexual partners is "abnormal conduct".

The wife in the recently-reported The wife in the recently reported case of H. v H. petitioned for divorce, ance award parily on the basis that husband during the martiage had been the instigator and "promoter" of toms of sex that were "distasted!" to her. She admitted to having consented the activity, but claimed it was "upsat-

the activity, but claimed it was "uppetting" to her and got "out of hard."
Mr Justico McLood A Craig agreed
that the husband had been the tell
that the husband had been the this did
not impair the husband's ability as a
stather. Since the children had been
living with the tather and attending
school near his residence, the judge
awarded custody of the children to him.
by Paul Trolloos

#### Gays cited "YFAULING" in hate message

A Toronto white supremacist group called the Western Guard has taken an official position against homosexuality, calling it an "unnatural tendency," and attacking Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau

for having it decriminalized in 1969. In the latest edition of their recorded telephone hate message, the group receils that one of Trudeau's first acts upon election was to decriminalize homeosexuality between consenting adults, and comments that this was "only logical because so many honourable politicalns are affilicted with

this unnatural tendency:

Rather than education for moral and
responsible sex rolations," the Guard
charges, "we have a government tolerating and encouraging abortions—
mass murder à la Jewish Doctor Henry
Morgentaler. If we leave the Liberals in power maybe the decriminalization of 
rape will be next." "I

#### National gay congress planned for Ouebec

The Second National Congress of Gay Men and Lesbians in Ouebec will be held in Quebec City later this year.

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(CHAL) and will launch a national Quebec gay coalition. Further information can be obtained by writing CHAL, CP 596, Haute Ville, Qeébec, Québec G1R 4S1.□



MAN having an affair with large, stupid bird.

#### FRIENDS-4

AFFECTIONATE BUT SHY red AFFECTIONATE BUT SHY red-head, 22, seeks lesbian friendship, looking for fellow newcomers to gay life or experienced. Interests include writing, movies & music. Drawer 846.

LESBIAN, 23, seeks friends and lovers: Interests include music lheatre, travel, psychology and the outdoors. Photo and phone no. appreclated, 837.

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DISCREET GUY, 36, 5'8", 140lbs in DISCREET GUY, 36, 58"; 140lbs invites fetters from dudes with good bodies and together souls who enjoy life, music, books, travel, and intimate friendship. Local guys please send phone. All must send photo lot reply Wrife note to PO Box 4343, Vancouver, BC V6B 327. ALBERTA

MALE, 22, 5'9", 150 lbs looking for someone about same age in Edmonton area to share an eter-nity of love with. One on one rela-tionship. High sex drive. Send photo and particulars if you're looking for the same and love to dive and receive affects. give and receive affection, A92. WINNIPEG, MB

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NEED CASH! Amateur photogra-pher raquires models. Must be young, athletic. Excellent rate of pay, Send photo if possible, A34

PROFESSIONAL W/M, 30, 5'11", 155, straight-appearing. I enjoy conversation with people similar to myself: educated professionals, well-read, with a sense of humour, a love of life, and an appraciation of al least some of the arts. Stable (but not, I hope, dull) and mature, I eou into, i nope, outly and mature, i enjoy a wide range of interests, from tennis to elymology, cabin-elry to the classics, fireside con-versations to disco dancing. If you share similar values, we might enjoy each other's compenionship. Please write B41,



TORONTO

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MALE, 31, 51", 142 lbs, enjoys classical music, conversation, dancing, sex, bird-watching, working out at gym, quiet evenings at home. Wants to meet guys with approximately same age and interests, 847.

ATTRACTIVE MALE, 28, 5'8" would like to hear from other gay men who enjoy movies, relaxing out of doors, 849

out of doors, 849
BLOND, 30, 5'4", well proportioned, affectionate interests:
photography, politics, music,
theatre, travel, dislike bars, nonsmoker, discreet, seeks stimulating encounters, friendship, 810 MALE(S) WANTED TO SHARE camping expenses with, (like transportation & campsite fee). He should be well under 30, cleanshaven, in good mental & physical health, honest, easy to get along with & seriously interested. (I'm 31, fair-fooking & W-European.) Write B42

write 842.
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HELPIT I am frustrated by the "ga (bar/bath) scene" and am be-coming increasingly anti-social. I coming increasingly anti-social. I don't want to wear a plaid shirt, blue jeans and a mustache and spend my tree evenings in smo-key, noisy bars consuming large amounts of alcohol and stallond, and such a making whom or other trivial to a consumer to the relation of the stallong who will be such as the seasonably well adjusted, professionel, energy, testificates a collection of the consumer seasonably well adjusted, professionel, energy, testificates a collection of the consumer seasonably well adjusted, professionel, energy, testificates a collection of the consumer seasonably well adjusted, professionel, energy, testificates a collection of the consumer seasonably and the collection of well adjusted, protessional, energic, intelligent, articulate, 62° tall, stim, average looking, short brown haired, ches native, short brown haired, ches native, the most acculine white male?? I would like to meet a since, honest, affectionate, loving, white male, who could enjoy a Dan Hill male, who could enjoy a Dan Hill male, who could share an evening at the thearte, ballet or opera, a walk on the islands; a good cook; an interesting discussion, a trip to an interesting discussion: a trip to another city; a starry night; a candlelight dinner; holding hands in a movie; dancing at a disco; doving passionate sex and cud-dling to steep knowing that the morning brings enother day of new (shared) experiences. Ideally you should be younger than my-self (one of my hangups), shorter than me, slim bulld, clean cut, nonsmoker, intelligent, mature, stable, easygoing, articulate, good sense of humour, have a wide range of compatible interests, enjoy falking, reading, outings, or just quiet times together. You should be seeking a long term, warm, foving, relationship and warm, loving, relationship and should be prepared to deal with a less than perfect guy who has a moderately healthy superiority complex, an overactive sexdrive, and who burles himsell in the (fasand who burles himself in the containing?) details of technology to avoid the banality of the 'gay' life-style; but who is actually a closel romantic seeking a partner who can break through his cynical shell. Will reply to sincere people who write to drawer 850.

YEARS AGO. You were singing, "Pangur, White Pangur," In the Library showers. "Alone together, scholar and cat," And we talked and you left for Curtls and I for other obligations. Is if time to talk again? B53

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28 YEARS OLD, 5'11", 175 lbs, med-lum complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, moustache, wants butch, goodlooking blacks & East Indians with moustache for fun times. B22 NEW TO TORONTO. Goodlooking fun loving, well educated British guy: 6ft · 29 - silm, fikes music, dancing, antiques, the country, wants to meel a similar good looking Canadian 24-30? for a sincere loving friendship/possible apartment share. Photo essential & phone number to 824.

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SEERS THANSVESTITE: Sincere, attractive bi-sexual male, 23, 6', 170 lbs. Sensual, affectionate, extransvestite university gred would like to meet feminine, attractive, young transvestite or transsexual for common sexual to comm panionship and social outlings. En-joy dancing, music, arts, partying and travel. Toronto area. PO Box and travel. Foronto area. 422, Kleinburg, Ont. LOJ 1C0

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variety of interests, B17.

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TALL, GOOD-LOOKINO, highly educated professional, age 44 comfortable in sult, jeans, skin. am non-smoker, bearded, masou am non-smoker, bearded, mascu-line, and looking for a good man to share a rich life with, Inter-ests books, food, serious arts, sun ests books, rood, serious arts, suit and salt water, mature men with good hymour, brains, self-respect, affection, taste, and manners. Non-interests: drugs, camp, kinky sex, Annie Hall, astrology, poverty, self pity, drama in real life. Photo ap ciated, Ali answered, 807

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ATTRACTIVE MALE, 25, 5'9", 150 ATTRACTIVE MALE, 25, 59°, 150 bs. Seeks honest guy for lasting relationship Own apartment down. If you are lonely and want a real lover for sincere loving and understanding and love sox, music, sports and total living, let us reach out and touch, to know you is 10 love you! Please call (4/6) 929-5149. (Best time days) or write (with photo) lo AB7.

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YOUNG BODY BUILDER wishes to serious body builders into ming, weights and wrestling hone number and photo appreci

ated, A86. GAY MALE 28 seeking another gay male in mid 20's with own apartment and car to get each other turned on. Prefer a smooth skinned melo slim and toving. Enclose brief letter and phone no. ASS.

OISCREET, MASCULINE dark, Mediteranean guy, 27, 5'8", 140 lbs, looking for horny young masculine guys into French passive-active, kissing and especially J/O. Enjoy saxy mags, films. Private ped. Your photo will be returned with one of mine. Answer all, Toronto. A81.

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MASCULINE STUDENT, 23, seeks gay or bi oody builders, up to age 45, for serious workouts and com-panionship. Discretion required. 497

MIDDLE-AGED MALE, tall, masculine-looking, versatile, stable, honest, modest, mature, inreligent, articulate, rational, quiet manner, articulate, sense of humour (ironic) and fun; understands moderation; not obsessed with sex; not into bars, discos, drugs interests: literature, music, opera interests: literature, music, opera, ballet, live theatre, outdoors, travel, swimming, sailing; willing to learn new likings; has capacity to delight in another's being; would appreci-ate friendship of compatible man. A91

AM 33, intelligent, bilingual, like sical and folk music, bicycling, old. I seek loyal friendship. Poss bility of developing a monogamou relationship, with a male 25 year or older. Richard, B18. male 25 years

SLIM, OUIET, attractive, masculine gay guy, w/m, 29, 5'10", 147 lbs., clean-cut, boyish good looks (no beard or moustache), brn. hair, gm eyes, nicely endowed, would like to meet other slim, good-looking clear-shaven (no beards or mous taches) young gay guys. Please reply with clear photo, B19.

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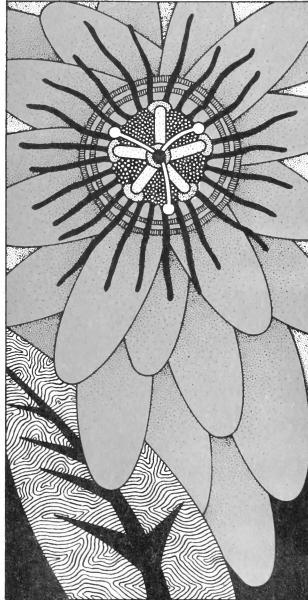
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